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Portfolio

£66,000 to be won

There is £66,000 available to be won in The Times Portfolio competition today. The weekly prize is £60,000 – £20,000 for this week, plus £40,000 because no-one won the prize last week, or the week before. The daily prize today stands at £6,000; it was not won yesterday or the day before. Portfolio list, page 22; week's price changes, information service, back page

New police inquiry on Ponting

Ministry of Defence police have reopened their inquiries into the Clive Ponting affair, the ministry confirmed last night.

Meanwhile, the Prime Minister dismissed Mr Neil Kinnock's allegations about the role of ministers in the prosecution of Mr Ponting with a blanket denial that there was any interference in the process. Sir Ewen Broadbent, a retired Ministry of Defence official, said on radio that he alone was responsible for referring the case to the Director of Public Prosecutions

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The price of The Times will rise to 23 pence on Monday. This is the first increase since March 24, 1980.

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An Aids suspect at Camp Hill prison, Isle of Wight, was transferred to hospital for tests, prison officers revealed there were other suspected cases.

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Sofia accused

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An armada of 19 ships with 130,000 tonnes of food is heading for Ethiopia where the UN now estimates that 8.5 million are at risk from starvation Page 4

'Spy diplomats'

Spain's Prime Minister confirmed that two US officials enjoying diplomatic status had been expelled for spying after photographing secret installations.

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President Botha of South Africa, repeating his offer to talk with the banned African National Congress and release Mr Nelson Mandela, said "the lessons of history" must be heeded Page 4

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Solihull council is expected to take the National Union of Teachers to the High Court in a test case against withdrawal of cover in schools Page 3

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As three Solidarity activists faced charges for planning a national strike, Mr Lech Walesa said he has been summoned for questioning today "as a suspect" Page 6

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Pit peace formula fails to sway NUM and Nacods

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Hopes for a swift end to the 11-month coal strike were plunged into fresh uncertainty last night after miners' leaders withheld agreement on a draft peace deal.

The National Union of Mineworkers' executive discussed for more than three hours coal board proposals presented by the TUC general secretary, Mr Norman Willis, before responding in a way that suggested talks were some way off.

The miners repeated their long-standing proposition for negotiations "without pre-conditions", a formula that board officials rejected immediately as unsatisfactory.

Mr Willis gave the 26 NUM leaders the details of the board's "final proposition", designed to be the basis of an agreement to end the conflict over colliery closures.

Mr Willis emphasized that it was not a TUC document, and declined to recommend it to miners' leaders, summoned to London expecting an early end to the dispute.

The paper was submitted to the miners and the pit deputies union, Nacods, as "the furthest the NCB would go". It emerged that the document had the backing of the Energy Secretary, Mr Peter Walker, and the Prime Minister's office.

The prospects for negotiations received a further blow when it was learnt that the 10-man executive of Nacods, who were attending the "summit" at Congress House had also taken strong exception to some of the package.

It is understood they objected to a key part which would concede a right to the board to close pits on the grounds that they are unprofitable. That it was argued, ran contrary to the spirit of the deal last October with deputies that does not explicity make such allowances to shut down "uneconomic" collieries.

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Leaders of the unions were at TUC headquarters late last night, eight hours after being summoned to hear the outcome of secret meetings between Mr Willis and Mr Ian MacGregor, board chairman.

The miners' reaction was regarded by the coal board as "unsatisfactory", but it has not lost hope of a resumption of negotiations. It seems more likely that the two sides will get together next week, rather than this weekend.

The one-page document put to the unions redefines the relative status of the board and unions.

It reasserts the board's right and duty under the nationalization Act of 1946 to manage the industry in the est way it sees fit.

The union may have policies to oppose the board's objectives – in particular its insistence that "uneconomic" pits must close – but it could not expect to have a veto on these powers.

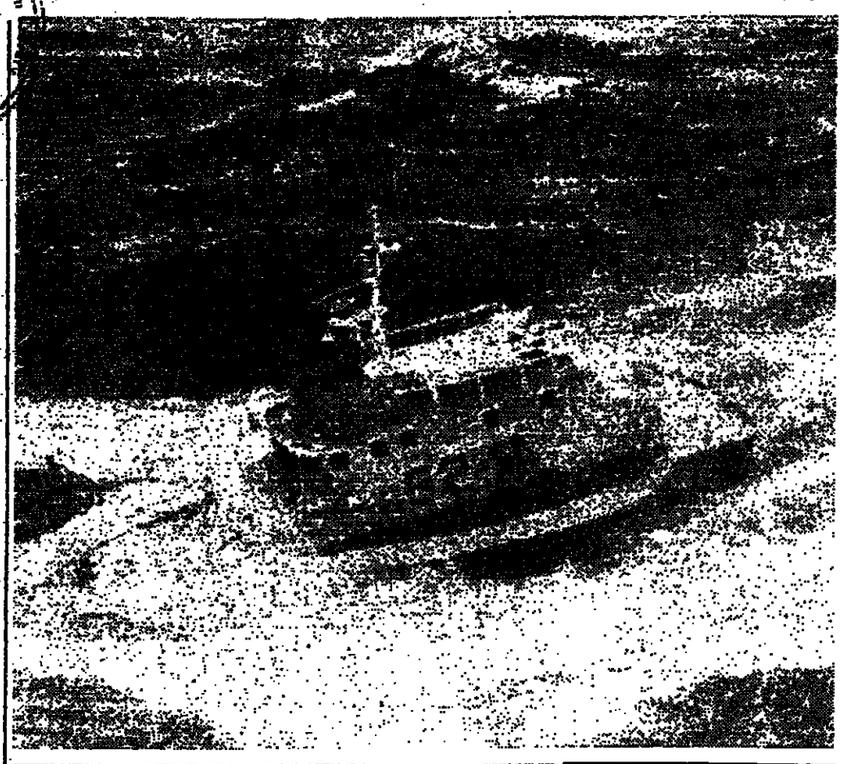
It was being stressed by TUC officials that the agenda for a solution to the dispute was the result of informal contacts with the board rather than TUC initiative, as it had been described by the board – an indication that the TUC was already distancing itself from the result.

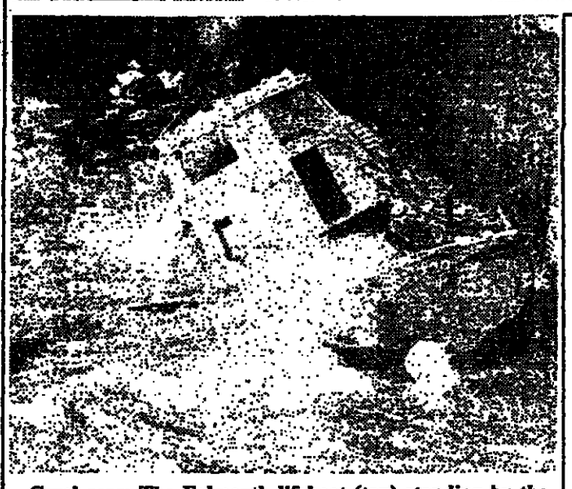
Although if the latest formula fails to get the two sides together it is hard to see how the TUC could re-enter the dispute to find common ground.

In its reaction to the board's proposals, the NUM said: "The national executive, having taken account of the report by the TUC general secretary, Mr Norman Willis, following discussions with the board, believe that the union's response should now provide the basis for an immediate resumption of negotiations *without preconditions* and hopefully a resolvement to this long and damaging dispute.

It was not clear what "the union's response" had been, though it was thought that the NUM had written to the board proposing immediate negotiations without the preconditions.

The pit deputies and miners were last night ensconced in TUC headquarters, awaiting a summons to the board's headquarters in Victoria.





Cruel seas: The Falmouth lifeboat (top) standing by the French trawler St Simeon in the Channel. A boat battered alongside a pier at Falmouth.

Protection of embryos

Challenge as MPs pass Powell Bill

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The House of Commons yesterday challenged the Government by passing Mr Enoch Powell's Private Member's Bill on the protection of human embryos with a 172-vote majority.

On a free vote which split cabinet, party, ministry and even family in the Commons, MPs divided by 238 to 66 in favour of a second reading for the Unborn Children (Protection) Bill.

The Bill proposes criminal penalties to prevent "a human embryo being created, kept or used for any purpose other than enabling a child to be borne by a particular woman". Research or experimentation – words used on the two sides of the argument – would be expressly banned.

The legislation now goes into a Commons standing *commitee* which will be dominated by Mr Powell's supporters, and some senior and experienced parliamentarians were saying last night that it was "unstoppable".

Controversial private member's legislation is notoriously difficult to drive through Parliament, but yesterday's majority challenges the Government to take an initiative.

The Government's headache is that there is no clear view on the matter, either in the Department of Health and Social Security or in Downing Street.

While Mrs Thatcher is against commercial surrogate motherhood, it was said yesterday that she favoured limited research on embryos. The recent Warnock report proposed a 14-day limit on research.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, minister for health, told the Commons yesterday that the Bill would probably stop beneficial research. He called for caution before the House rushed into the use of the criminal law.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, and Mr Clarke, voted against the Bill. Three other ministers in the same department voted for it.

Three other Cabinet ministers voted for it: Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House; Mr Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland; and Mr Peter Rees, Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

On the Labour side 44 voted for the Bill and 41 against.

The Bill divided Mr Peter Bottomley, Under-secretary of State at the Department of Employment, who voted for the Bill, and his wife Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Conservative MP for Surrey South-west, who voted against.

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Chernenko has suffered several strokes

From Our Own Correspondent Moscow

President Chernenko is in hospital after a series of strokes, informed sources in Moscow have confirmed. There is growing doubt, even among officials, over whether the Soviet leader will be able to make a planned speech next Friday as a candidate in elections to the republican Soviets. "If he does not he is finished as leader," one diplomat said.

Even ordinary Russians – used to Kremlin absences – were alarmed when Mr Chernenko, aged 73, failed to meet Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, on Tuesday after a relapse on Monday night. He is said to have had a heart attack.

Diplomats noted that Mr Vladimir Shcherbitsky, party leader in the Ukraine and a Politburo member, who was committed to a trip to the United States as a Congress guest at the beginning of March, said it could be cancelled if necessary as it was not an "official" visit.

The central committee will reportedly meet by early March, just before the new Geneva arms talks begin.

Car blast recounted by Pringle

The jury hearing evidence about the IRA bombing campaign in 1981 was told yesterday how Sir Steuart Pringle, despite being critically injured, had warned people to stay away from his car in case there was a second bomb.

In a statement read to the Central Criminal Court by Mr Roy Amlot, for the Prosecution, Sir Steuart then Commandant General Royal Marines, said the bomb, fixed by magnet under a wheel arch, had exploded as he pulled away from his home at South Croxted Road, West Dulwich, south London, in his VW Passat.

"Very soon after I started the car I felt it going over to the left. The windscreen shattered. I was at the time moving into a lane of traffic to travel south. I heard a roar and saw my legs moving to the nearside of the car.

"Then I heard the sound of falling bits and pieces and then silence", the statement said.

After about two seconds he heard someone shout: "'It's a bomb'. I could not see what had happened to my legs but I never lost consciousness."

His dog Bella, who was in the back of car, barked, the jury was told.

Sir Steuart, aged 53, who retired from the Marines last year, said in his statement: "I looked at my fingers. They were very messy. My head and shoulders were against the driver's door and my left leg was in the well by the passenger seat.

"I saw that my right leg was a mess. My right foot and shoe were on top of my leg. I knew that I was badly injured but that I was not going to die.

"The shock waves of damage I knew had affected my legs but had not travelled further up my body".

"I was aware of this and although towards the end, before the emergency services had cut me out I got very cold, I had little pain and no doubts about my survival."

He remembered telling his son Simon three things: "He was to look after his mother, to keep away from the car, and to call the Colonel who could be contacted through the Ministry of Defence duty officer."

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Gales lash Channel as freeze goes on

The freeze will continue around Britain over the weekend, with more snow in the South, the London Weather Centre forecast last night.

As the cold front moves south over France, snow showers are likely in the South-west and possibly the east coast today. Most of the country will remain below freezing, with more snow forecast for North-east Scotland on Sunday. Cold easterly winds will continue.

The outlook for next week is little better, with no sign of a break in the weather before the middle of next week.

As gales buffeted the south coast yesterday, ferry services stopped, ships broke their moorings and off the Cornish coast the Penlee and Falmouth *lifeboats* were launched to help a French fishing boat. The 65ft trawler St Simeon, began taking in water 17 miles off the Lizard and was saved from foundering by an extra pump lowered by an RAF helicopter from RAF Culdrose in 60mph winds.

A French warship went to the aid of another French fishing boat the Bellamy, in trouble 55 miles south of Plymouth, and was believed to be escorting her home to France last night. The Brixham Lifeboat was launched to help the 40ft pilot cutter Sea Harrier into harbour after its compass failed.

Royal Navy exercises in the English Channel were disrupted by 60mph gales off the Dorset coast and the frigate HMS Alacrity was ordered to weather the storm at sea because of doubts that her mooring cables would hold.

The Sealink ferry Earl Goddwin had to stay docked at Weymouth with some passengers sleeping on board after midnight gales stopped her departure.

Fresh snowfalls in west Cornwall led to blizzards. The police said that roads were becoming very dangerous and on Dartmoor the RSPCA has set up a special patrol to move ponies off the moor.

In Scotland a woman's body was found in a deep gulley near Glencoe yesterday after a two-day search. Miss Susan Anderson, aged 24, a graduate of Aberdeen University, went hill-walking on Wednesday afternoon. Though she was an experienced walker, rescuers said she was not equipped for nights in freezing temperatures.

In the Midlands two men were killed as their cars skidded on icy roads.

The pools panel will sit today for the fifth time in six weeks. Only two of the day's seven FA Cup fifth round ties have survived: those between Everton and Telford, and York City and Liverpool. The latter depends on a pitch inspection this morning.

Inspections are also planned on several of the 13 league grounds whose games had not been called off by last night. The only first division game still surviving was Chelsea against Newcastle.

Pound rises to $1.1027

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The pound rose 87 points to $1.1027 yesterday, as a result of further profit-taking on the *dollar, and firmer spot prices* for oil.

The sterling index rose 0.3 to 71.4 as the pound gained ground against most currencies, except the yen, which was particularly strong against the dollar, with support by the Bank of Japan suspected.

US producer prices stood still in January, but industrial production was up by 0.4 per cnet. However, these had little *effect on the dollar, with foreign* exchange dealers winding down for Washington's Birthday holiday in the US on Monday.

Money marrket interest rates eased by a ¼ point in London, to a level which would justify a half-point base rate cut, but no early reduction is expected

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Kasparov anger as match is abandoned

From Richard Owen Moscow

An astonishing outburst from Gary Kasparov, the 21-year-old challenger in the marathon world chess championships here, marked yesterday's Press conference to abandon the match.

Mr Florencio Campomanes, president of the International Chess Federation (Fide), said he decided to call a halt "for the good of world chess".

Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov, the 33-year-old champion, will meet again in September over 24 games at a venue to be decided.

Mr Campomanes said he was ending the match because of the psychological and physical strain on the players after 48 games in six months. Karpov, who built up a 5-0 lead, wilted visibly recently as the younger and more resilient Kasparov surged back to make the score 5-3.

The champion was said to be on the verge of a breakdown. But yesterday he also made a surprise appearance at the hotel in suburban Moscow, where the last two games have been played. He said he was ready to *carry on. Rumours of his death* "had been greatly exaggerated".

The challenger, an athletic and confident figure, put the slender and highly-strung Karpov under pressure by winning two successive games. On Wednesday, Mr Camponames, who admitted he was close to Karpov, cancelled the 49th game after spending two days observing the players.

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Scope for telephone tapping widens

By Anthony Bevins Political Correspondent

Freinds, contacts and accomplices of criminals and security suspects could have their telephones tapped and their mail intercepted under the terms of new government legislation published yesterday.

The Home Office made clear for the first time at the scope of warrants for telephone tapping and the interception of mail may cover the addresses and telephones of people who are "likely to be" in contact with a specified surveillance target, either a person or premises.

The 1980 White Paper, *The Interception of Communications in Great Britain*, said: "As a general rule, each warrant names only one person and one address or telephone number".

But it added that a number of addresses or telephone numbers could be set out in a warrant when, occasionally, "a target of interception uses or operates from more than one address or telephone number".

The Government's new legislation, *Interception of Communications Bill*, which brings United Kingdom law into line with the European Convention on Human Rights, yesterday appeared to extend that scope of such warrants.

It said that warrants could be issued to intercept such communications as are sent to or from one or more addresses specified in the warrant, being an address or addresses likely to be used for the transmission for communications to or from: (i) one particular person specified or described in the warrant; or (ii) one particular set of premises so specified and described".

That provision will also apply to the newly domestic acknowledged interception of domestic communications, ordered by the Foreign Secretary, for the purpose of safeguarding the economic well-being of the United Kingdom – when information is to be acquired relating exclusively "to the acts or intentions of persons outside the British Islands".

A further complex subsection of the Bill appears to disclose the existence of warrants, specially certified by the Home Secretary, the Foreign Secretary, the Northern Ireland Secretary or the Secretary of State for Scotland, to cover a class of material to be intercepted; relating to a specified area of activity.

The Bill suggests that certificated warrants could only identify target addresses to prevent or detect acts of terrorism.

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Synod shelves cruise issue indefinitely

The deployment of cruise missiles in Britain was not a matter on which it was competent to express an opinion, the General Synod of the Church of England decided yesterday. After two years of trying to reach a conclusion on cruise, the debate was indefinitely adjourned

Several speakers complained of a lack of expert knowledge among synod members, which was needed, they argued, to evaluate how cruise missiles fitted into the overall pattern of deterrence.

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Prison officers say that four men in jail are suspected Aids sufferers

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

As Prison Department chiefs sought yesterday to quell anxiety over a suspected victim of Aids in Camp Hill Prison, Isle of Wight, Mr Colin Steel, chairman of the Prison Officers Association, said there were three more suspects in jails.

The Camp Hill prisoner was transferred yesterday for tests, expected to last several days, in the infectious diseases unit of Southampton General Hospital.

Mr Steel maintained however, it was "999 per cent certain" that the prisoner had been an out-patient for Aids at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, but declined to make public the source of his information.

A number of patients with Aids attend the venereological unit, the largest in the country, at St Mary's Hospital. Some of them are being looked after as out-patients.

The Home Office said yesterday it had no knowledge of three other Aids suspects, who, Mr Steel said, "we are treating as possibles until proved otherwise." Nor did the Home Office have knowledge of any attendance by the suspect at St Mary's.

There were unconfirmed reports that he had venereal disease, but a Home Office official said: "I cannot help you there." The Hospital administrator at Southampton, Mr Stephen Campion, said: "I must stress at the moment that we do not know whether this man is an Aids victim."

Staff at Chelmsford Jail recently took action after the death from Aids of the Rev Gregory Richards, the prison chaplain, and stopped all transfers to and from other establishments. The ban was lifted last Friday.

A regional health authority spokesman said: "Aids is a serious disease but the alarm and panic is in many ways unjustified. It can be spread only through homosexual contact or infected blood."

One officer at Camp Hill said: "It is very frightening and everybody is very apprehensive."

In a statement, the Prison Department said that Dr John Kilgour, the director of prison medical services, had been in close touch with the DHSS. Staff had been informed that the risk of catchig Aids was remote for anyone who was not in the high risk groups: homosexuals, intravenous drug abusers and haemophiliac. No one involved in either the American or the British health care of Aids had developed the disease as a result of their work.

"Guidelines on the handling of Aids cases in prisons are being prepared as a matter of urgency, and will be issued shortly." he said. "The Director of Prison Medical Services is making point of visiting establishments where a case of Aids has been diagnosed and either he or his deputies are visiting those other establishments where there is anxiety about the matter."

Mr Steel said the POA would be lobbying MPs to have Aids made a notifiable disease. "What we are concerned about is what happens if we have an Aids sufferer in prison and he comes to the end of his sentence."

There was a higher proportion of drug users and homosexuals in prison than in the general community. Because of a shortage of syringes, if one came into a prison it would be used by a number of people. If a practising homosexual came into a prison, he did not stop practising. That could spread Aids.



Hint of a thaw: Mr Scargill arriving at TUC headquarters in London yesterday.



Key men: Mr Jack Taylor, president of the Yorkshire miners (left); Mr Emlyn Williams, South Wales president, and Mr Peter McNestry, Nacods general secretary.

Striking miners join police

By Peter Davenport

Several striking miners have left the picket line to join the police force.

During the past few months, they have attended courses at the Home Office training school at Dishforth, North Yorkshire. Some have graduated and joined forces policing the pits dispute in the coalfields.

The school said yesterday that it would not name the men in case of reprisals against their families in mining areas.

One man, on the course which ends at Easter, is a former face worker aged 24 at Manders colliery, near Rotherham, South Yorkshire. He was on the picket line until two months ago.

Although not wishing to be named, he said he had supported the strike initially but had been sickened by the intimidation and violence.

"I never dreamed it was going to be like it has turned out when the strike first started. I went down to the picket lines to see what it was like and I didn't like what I saw. I think there has been a lot of violence by the miners on the picket lines, and intimidation.

"I had had enough of it when I saw there was planned violence by some. Initially I appreciated the cause, but not the actions taken by the National Union of Mineworkers.

"If I was asked to go on picket duty now I would. It's my job and I am proud to be a policeman."

The mining communities have traditionally been recruiting grounds for the police.

The Home Office said last night that there were six miners on the present course at Dishforth, but it was not possible to say how many were former strikers or former working miners. Other miners had already graduated.

Receiver wants sequestration to end

Mr Justice Nicholls, who ordered the seizure of the National Union of Mineworkers' £8 million assets after its refusal to pay a £200,000 contempt of court fine was asked yesterday by the Receiver to end further sequestration.

With about £5 million in his possession, the Receiver asked for sequestrators appointed last October to be discharged to avoid duplication of costs.

His counsel, Mr Peter Cresswell, QC, said that enough expense had fallen on the union's funds, "funds for which many miners innocent of contempt are interested."

But after fears expressed by the working Yorkshire miners' counsel, Mr Michael Burton QC, that lifting sequestration might lift the threat hanging over striking miners, Mr Cresswell said he would be content if the order was stayed.

The judge said he would give judgement on Monday.

● An injunction against leaders of the National Union of Seamen will be sought on Monday (Barrie Clement writes).

The action, brought by a shipping company, Stephenson Clarke, was adjourned yesterday at a private hearing in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court in London.

It alleges that union members on the Pulborough, moored at docks near Blyth, Northumberland, have acted illegally by refusing to open hatches so that coal can be loaded for the Central Electricity Generating Board. Leading article, page 9

The Ponting trial

Former top official says he alone sent case to DDP

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

As plans went ahead for the publication on Sunday of an article by Mr Clive Ponting which runs the risk of bringing him into renewed conflict with the Civil Service, a former senior Ministry of Defence official described in detail how he came to refer Mr Ponting's case to the Director of Public Prosecutions last August.

This led to Mr Ponting's appearance at the Central Criminal Court charged under the Official Secrets Act for passing confidential MoD documents to Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow.

On Monday Mr Ponting was acquitted by the jury, and the acquittal stimulated this week's renewed controversy over the circumstances of the sinking of the Argentine cruiser, General Belgrano, during the Falklands conflict in 1982. The issue is to be debated in the Commons on Monday.

Speaking on the BBC's *World at One* programme, Sir Ewen Broadbent, who until his retirement was Second Permanent Secretary at the Minstry of Defence, said that he alone was responsible for referring the Ponting case to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Sir Ewen said: "It was quite clear to me that in the light of what had been stated by him (Mr Ponting), in the light of his seniority and the nature of the subject matter there was a prima facie case for the DPP to be consulted before we proceeded aministratively.

"Once the case was established it was clear there was a course of action either under the Official Secrets Act or the disciplinary process. The choice initially lay with the law officers."

Sir Ewen said he was not aware that Mr Ponting was ever offered the possibility that if he confessed and resigned from the Civil Service that would be the end of the matter.

But he thought it had to be borne in mind that at the end of several days "Mr Ponting must have been a very worried man, and it must have been a period of great tension for him. He could well have thought in his own mind that if he wrote out his statement and at the same time wrote out his offer of resignation to the department, that would be the end of the matter.

Mr Ponting is still on the payroll of the Ministry of Defence, but on Thursday he was told that he would not be allowed to resume his duties there. The possibility of his being offered an alternative civil service post in a department which does not require access to classified information is under consideration.

At Thursday's meeting in the MOD Mr Ponting was warned that as a Civil Servent he must conform to the regulations governing Civil Servants' conduct. Those require permission to be obtained before accepting an invitation or before entering into any commitment to publish a book, monograph, article or letter or to deliver any lecture or speech or taking part in any radio or television programme, in connection with his work or a matter of public controversy."

However, *The Observer* newspaper was yesterday proceeding with plans to publish tomorrow an extract from Mr Ponting's forthcoming book. It is understood that this has not been cleared with the Ministry of Defence. A spokesman for the paper said that they had realized all along that it was an extremely delicate matter, and they were taking into account every legal aspect.

Mr Ponting said he could not say whether the extract would appear in *The Observer* tomorrow. "There are many things going on," he said, but he refused to elaborate.

The Observer said there had not been any suggestion from Mr Ponting or his solicitor that the extract should not be published.

Levi chief puts case for closure

By Rupert Morris

Top management from Levi-Strauss, the United States jeans manufacturers, will travel to Scotland next eek to explain to shop stewards why they need to close two factories in Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire, making 422 people redundant.

A further 150 jobs are to go at administrative offices in Northampton and Wembley.

The companies sales slumped last year, with new profit for the final quarterr down from $51.6 million dollars (about £47 million), or $1.22 a share the previous year, to $1.68 million, or five cents a share.

Levi-Strauss work-force believes that the axe has fallen on it because its counterparts in France and Belgium have more favourable redundancy agreements.

Mr Neil Kearney, of the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers, said last night: "This is a case of lower labour costs meaning jobs being destroyed."

Mr Des Farrell, the union's area officer, said that when Mr Robin Dow, Levi's UK president, arrives in Scotland on Tuesday, he hopes he will consider other options to closure, such as part-time working. The company has praised the work-force at the plants at Bothwell, in Lanarkshire, and Inchinnan in Renfrewshire, for outstanding efficiency and productivity.

Judge says RUC invented evidence

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The evidence of three policemen involved in a killing was rejected by a judge at Belfast Crown Court yesterday because part of it had been "invented", and he had reservation about the credibility and accuracy of other parts of their testimony.

Lord Justice Basil Kelly sentenced Martin McCauley, aged 22, from Ballyneery, Co Armagh, to two years imprisonment, suspended for three years, after finding him guilty of possessing three old rifles in suspicious circumstances during an incident in which police shot dead his best friend. He was acquitted of possessing the rifles with intent to endanger life.

The judge was critical of senior RUC officers who ordered the three members of a specially trained unit to invent a story in their first statement, allegedly to protect the indentity of a Special Branch informer.

It is the second time that the court has heard that members of a mobile support unit had been instructed to concoct stories surrounding controversial incidents in Armagh during the autumn of 1982, allegedly to protect the source of information.

The allegation of a cover-up made at the earlier trial of a police constable accused of murdering an unarmed terrorist during a similar undercover operation has led to an inquiry by officers from Greater Manchester. They monitored part of McCauley's trial.

McCauley was seriously injured in the shooting in November 1982 at an isolated hay shed three miles from Lurgan in which his best friend, Michael Tighe, aged 17, died. Three rifles which were old, rusty and corroded were found inside the shed, but there was no ammunition.

In his 43-minute reserved judgment, the judge said the three officers had "entered the arena of credibility under a cloud that included each of them knowlingly making false allegations in the their first written statement. There was not a word of truth in those statements. It was invented not by them but regrettably by one or more of their superiors, who told them they were obliged to say it, and under orders they did say it."

He said the officers had told the trial of Mr MaCauley that they were giving a completely true account of what occurred, but the judge said he had doubts about whether this was so.

"Having regard to my reservations about the evidence of these three policemen I believe the proper course for me at this trial is to exclude their evidence and its implications from my consideration." he said. This is not to be take to mean that I disbelieve their evidence entirely."

Thatcher issues blanket denial

The Prime Minister last night dismissed Mr Neil Kinnock's detailed interrogation about the role of ministers in the prosecution of Mr Clive Ponting with a blanket denial that there was any interference at any time in the process last August.

She pointed out in a further letter to the Labour leader that he had accepted that there was no ministerial involvement in the specific decision of the law officers to prosecute taken on Friday, August 17, but that he had questioned her assurance about involvement in the aftermath of Mr Ponting's admission of the leak the previous Friday.

Mrs Thatcher said: "Ministers were not involved at any stage in the law officers' decision to prosecute Mr Ponting and did not seek to influence their decision either directly or indirectly by any of the means implied in the 16 questions attached to your letter".

Meanwhile the Liberal – Social Democratic Party Alliance yesterday capitalized on the rift between the Government and the Opposition by announcing that they would amalgamate the Conservative and Labour motions if given the chance in Monday's Commons debate.

The government motion says "That this house recognizes that the sinking of the General Belgrano was a neccessary and legitimate action in the Falklands campaign, and agrees that the protection of our Armed Forces must be the prime consideration in determining how far matters involving national security and the conduct of military operations can be disclosed".

The Labour amendment seeks to substitute the words: "That this House believes that, by seeking to conceal information from, and to purvey distorted and misleading information to, the House of Commons and its Foreign Affairs Committee on the subject of the sinking of the General Belgrano, ministers have betrayed their responsibility to Parliament."

Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, said last night that the debate would finally expose Labour's "humbug" over the Falklands war and the Belgrano, an attitude, which he said, had been starkly revealed in Mr Denis Healey's statements during the general election when he had spoken of Mrs Thatcher "glorying in slaughter" and in Mr Kinnock's remarks about "guts on Goose Green".

Following is the text of Mrs Thatcher's letter:

Dear Mr Kinnock

I have received your further letter of 14 February about the law officers' decision to prosecute Mr Ponting.

"You are trying to make a distinction between the decision of the law officers on 17 August and the period leading up to that decision. You accept my assurance that neither I nor other ministers were involved in the decision on 17 August: you refuse to accept my assurance as regards the period leading up to that date.

Ministers were not involved at any stage in the law officers' decision to prosecute Mr Ponting and did not seek to influence their decision either directly or indirectly by any of the means implied in the 16 questions attached to your letter. If you want these matters to be pursued, there is a full opportunity for debate on Monday. Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher.

Pan Am will not settle over Laker

By Our Transport Editor

Pan American, a leading defendant in the £1,000 million action brought by Laker interests, will not follow British Airways in seeking an early out-of-court settlement, the airline made clear yesterday. British Airways, whose planned privatization is threatened by a possible massive damages claim for conspiring to put Laker out of business in 1981, has had a number of meetings with creditors in recent weeks, and is believed to be offering about £50 million to avoid continuation of the action in United States courts.

But Pan Am, one of the biggest of nine other airlines involved in the action, is "in no hurry to settle". Mr Pete Runnette, vice-president of the airline's Atlantic division said yesterday. "We are quite confident there is no case against us," Mr Runnette said at a London press conference. "We are innocent, and if it goes to court, we will be exonerated on the merits of the case," he said.

BA's privatization was originally planned to go to the market this week, but has already been put back until the summer as a result of Laker moves, and may even have moved back until next year. Other airlines involved, including British Caledonian, Swissair, Sabena, and KLM, are under no such pressure however.

Mr Runnette was reporting a $207 million loss for 1984, the airline's highest except for 1981, when it was almost double that. But it was caused largely by "repositioning" for the remainder of the 1980s, and could lead to a profit this year.

Law on way over labelling food fats

By Tony Samstag

Legislation is to be introduced requiring food manufacturers to include detailed fat content on their labels, a Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Foods official said yesterday.

Mr C. A. Cockbill, assistant secretary in the food standards division, said that ministerial announcement was likely by the end of next month. The Government favoured a system of "statutory comprehensive informative labelling" rather than symbols, he added.

Mr Cockbill told a conference of the Cake and Biscuit Alliance in London that the labels would carry details of both the total fat content and the specific type of fat as recommended in the report last July by the Committee on Medical Aspects of Food Policy (Coma).

As a new labelling system would apply to imported food, he hoped that the EEC would approve it. Britain was leading the way with what could become "a most useful blueprint" for the community because our incidence of coronary heart disease, now killing more than 150,000 people a year, was the highest in the EEC.

The Coma report echoed the findings of a long-term study in the United States linking heart disease and diet.

The Cake and Biscuit Alliance represents British biscuit and packaged cake manufacturers, with annual sales of £1.2 billion by members.

Mr Richard Gassick, chairman of the conference, saw in the labelling legislation a "challenge" to develop products "with high fibre, low salt, low fat (polyunsaturated) and high protein, which are both appealing and exciting".

Belgrano authors at Yard over Lewin interview

By Angela Gordon

Scotland Yard last launched an investigation into allegations that Lord Lewin, the former Chief of Defence Staff, may have breached the Official Secrets Act.

Commander R Dawling, of the serious crimes squad, acting on the instructions of the Director Public Prosecutions, summonded Arthur Gavshon and Desmond Rice, authors of the *Sinking of the Belgrano*, to Scotland Yard for questioning on Thursday.

The move came after a Commons question, in which Mr George Foulkes, Labour MP for Casrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, asked whether Lord Lewin should be prosecuted for an interview he gave to the authors, which they say was on the record, at his Suffolk home on January 29 last year.

In that, according to Mr Gavshon, Lord Lewin described "in graphic detail" how the HMS Conqueror would have shadowed the General Belgrano using hydrophonic towed arrays. When Mr Foulkes tabled the question in the House last month, the Ministry of Defence confirmed to *The Times* Diary that anything that gives operational patterns of submarines would be classified".

Extracts from the interview with Lord Lewin were published in *The Guardian* on Janary 28 deleting only, on Mr Gavshon's initiative, details of timing and speed.

Yesterday Mr Gavshon and Mr Rice refused to give Comdr Dawling a transcript of the six-hour interview, or the tape recording of it; according to Comdr Dawling both would be needed to be produced in court if proceedings were initiated.

In aninterview with *The Times*, Paul Rogers, senior lecturer at Bradford University and renowned Belgrano expert, said: "It was not even known during the Falklands conflict among academic defence experts that British submarines were equipped with hydrophonic towed arrays, never mind the details of them.

"I have never seen anything which approached the details given by Lord Lewin. I understand such information would have been subject to a "D" Notice". Scotland Yard refused to comment yesterday.

Yesterday Lord Lewin refused to comment on his alleged disclosures, saying only it was an "off-the-record interview".

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Sale room

Museum pays £2,420 for historical clue

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The National Museum of Wales spent £2,420 at Sotheby's yesterday on an art historical clue, a late seventeenth century Flemish tapestry in poorish condition depicting the appearance of Romulus to Proculus Julius. It is the only tapestry that has so far come to light which was clearly woven from the tapestry cartoons bought by the museum in 1979 for £1.2 million as the work of Rubens.

The purchase of the cartoons has stirred up a fierce controversy in Wales as a number of eminent scholars have taken the view that they are only by a minor follower of Rubens, rather than the master himself. Dr Peter Cannon-Brookes, the keeper of art, strongly maintains that they are authentic, but the museum governors, worried by accusations of wasted money, voted last October for an independent inquiry into their authenticity and a number of "independent" scholars are in the process of being recruited.

One of the areas of controversy has been the subject matter of the mythological cartoons which Dr Cannon-Brookes has described as an Aeneas cycle. Its title is woven into the tapestry and shoots down the Aeneas idea. Cannon-Brookes suggests that it is not the first weaving and that when this late weaving was done they may have forgotten the title.

No scholarly tapestry experts have yet studied the piece. If they can identify the factory which it comes from, documentation of the commissioning of the cartoons just might be found – and the citizens of Wales relieved of their uncertainty. The tapestry, probably dating from the late seventeenth century, had been estimated by Sotheby's at £1,200 to £1,500.

Sotheby's routine sale of Continental furniture and tapestries totalled £152,768, with 13 per cent unsold.

Christie's were holding the last of a historic series of sales devoted to the Chinese porcelains recovered from a junk which sank in the South China Sea in about 1643. It carried an enormous volume of porcelain probably destined for shipment to Europe.

The first 2,000 or so pieces were sold in Amsterdam last March for £540,761, with prices running five and 10 times beyond estimates. This persuaded Captain Hatcher to sell most of the rest and some 18,000 pieces were sold in June for £978,528. He had kept back 300 pieces, including rarities, as a private collection, but the success of the June sale persuaded him to sell these also and they were offered in Amsterdam yesterday.

The sale made £291,464 with every lot sold.

Correction

In the report, "Two Belfast men accused", on February 14 the third paragraph should have read "a coach full of Irish Guards returning to Chelsea Barracks", not Cold stream Barracks.

Businessman sold technology to E Germany

A businessman who illegally exported high technology equipment for making microchips to East Germany was given a suspended six months prison sentence at Warwick Crown Court yesterday.

Bramwell John Pridmore-Smith, aged 56, of Mallabar Fields, Daventry, Northamptonshire, pleaded guilty to four charges of exporting equipment to the Eastern block in contravention of export restrictions.

The equipment was of such a standard that it could be used in the manufacture of guided missiles, Mr John Maxwell, for the prosecution, said, but Mr Richard Wakerley, for the defence, said they were used for making digital watches.

Jail fast ends

Eddie Gallagher, the convicted terrorist kidnapper, called off his 39-day hunger strike after the Opposition leader, Mr Charles Haughey visited him at the Curragh Military Hospital.

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Conservative council seeks injunction to stop teachers' no-cover action

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Solihull Borough Council is almost certain to take the largest teachers' union, the National Union of Teachers, to the High Court next week for alleged breach of contract to stop its no-cover policy in schools.

That is expected to be a test case, forcing the union to order its 235,000 members to call off the action or hold a secret ballot about the action. Other authorities are pleased that the West Midlands council has had the courage to take on the union.

The union has been given until 4pm on Monday to call off the industrial action, refusing to cover for absent colleagues or to attend parent or staff meetings.

Mr Colin Humphrey, Solihull's director of education, said that if the action was not called off, the policy committee would be asked to authorize the seeking of an injunction next week.

It was confirmed that the council is also taking action against the second biggest union, the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers. A letter was sent to the union yesterday, asking it to abandon a half-day strike planned for February 26.

The intention of the council, a hawkish safe Conservative authority, is to sue the unions for breach of contract. It claims that the unions are in breach of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1984 because they have not held ballots for their action. If Solihull is correct, the unions are liable for damages if they are sued successfully.

The council has taken legal advice from Mr Alexander Irvine, QC, who represented Austin-Rover last year in the first case under the Act. The company won its case against unions which took industrial action without holding a ballot.

Mr Fred Jarvis, NUT general secretary, says that a ballot is not required for withdrawal of goodwill because the duties are voluntary. He says the union will not comply with Solihull's deadline.

Mr Nigel de Gruchy, deputy general secretary of the NASUWT, said the union had taken legal advice. "We realized we might be sued."

The legal action will not affect the NUT's proposed campaign of rolling strikes, beginning on February 25, because it is balloting members about these. But the employers hope it will clear up which teachers' duties are voluntary and which part of the contract.

It was partly to encourage such a test case that the Local Authorities' Conditions of Service Advisory Board wrote to all councils on February 5, saying they might need to consider legal action against the NUT. The letter stated that the councils could seek an injunction to stop the industrial action and/or seek damages.

Mr Brian Rusbridge, board secretary, wrote: "In our view the NUT does not have legal immunity for the industrial action it has called, where it breaks or interferes with the contracts of employment of the teachers, as it had not been approved by a ballot of its members.

"In addition, industrial action such as this could lead to breaches of statutory duty by a local education authority. Individuals particularly affected by the non-provision of services, for example parents, may try and bring an injunction against the authority, or claim damages."



Robing time for a judge

Miss Valerie Anne Pearlman, who was sworn in as a circuit court judge by the Lord Chancellor at the House of Lords yesterday, being prepared by her son, Jonathan, and her daughter, Rachel.

Judge Pearlman was educated at Wycombe Abbey School and called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1958. She was approved to sit as a deputy circuit judge in 1976, and has been a crown court recorder since 1982. She has been assigned to the south-eastern circuits.

She is married to Professor Michael Besser (right), the leading endocrinologist, who was appointed Professor of Endocrinology at St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College, London, in 1974.

Judge Pearlman gives her hobbies in Who's Who as gardening, painting and reading. She lives in London.



Rail station aids for the disabled

Electric buggies to carry disabled passengers between trains are to be provided by British Rail at six London mainline stations later this year (Michael Baily, Transport Editor, writes).

Wheelchairs will be standard equipment at several stations; induction loops for deaf people will be fitted at booking office windows; there will be lowered telephones, and specially designed lavatories will be installed.

The moves are part of a £160,000 drive funded jointly by British Rail and the Greater London Council to improve the lot of disabled people travelling around London by rail.

Council is accused over damp flat death

The grandfather of a boy aged six who spent three nights in a flat with his dead mother said yesterday that local authorities could have prevented his ordeal.

Mr Harvay Cairns said dampness in his daughter's flat had "gone a long way towards her death," but the local council had done nothing to improve the flat and social workers rarely visited.

Mrs Kathy Rayson, a divorcee, who would have been 29 yesterday, died from bronchial pneumonia in her council flat in Longford Road, Bognor Regis.

Adrian Rayson tried to revive his mother. He pulled her from her bed, piled his clothes and an eiderdown on top of her and switched on an electric fire to keep her warm. He turned on the television and increased the volume in the hope that the noise would bring her round.

Mr Cairns found the boy and his dead mother when he called at the flat four days later.

Mrs Rayson, who was partly paralysed and received invalidity benefit, could not afford to keep the flat warm, Mr Cairns said. "When we went into the place after she died we found sheets dripping with damp."

The boy, who is staying with an aunt, was back at school yesterday. "He is still bewildered and a bit pale, Mr Cairns said.

Last night, Arun District Council said that Mrs Rayson had made no complaints about dampness and had not told the council about her disability.

West Sussex County Council said social workers had visited the boy and his mother regularly. "They considered their home to be satisfactory."

Two die in fire

Mrs Jeannette Baker, aged 27, and her son Brian Tones, aged four, died in a fire which destroyed their house in Queen Street, in the village of Grange Villa, Co Durham yesterday.

Home trial wife fined for false accounting

Mr Maxwell Tillings, aged 46, owner of an old people's home, was cleared at Maidstone Crown Court yesterday of charges in the case of an elderly resident's £100,000 will.

But his wife, aged 39, was found guilty of giving Mrs Norah Kirby, aged 84, Valium and Normyson tablets without authority and drawing up a false account for £140 to pay for a private nurse to look after another elderly woman living at the Cabin Court Lodge home in Margate, Kent. She was fined £275.

Mr Tillings was cleared on nine charges of theft, attempted theft, deception and administering drugs to Mrs Kirby to confuse her and make her change her £100,000 will in their favour. She died in 1982.

The jury was told that Mrs Kirby, who was secretary to the composer, Dr John Ireland, changed her will five days before she died. Dr Ireland left her the royalties from his work and Mrs Kirby had arranged for a trust to be set up with the money.

Mr Justice Mann, directed the jury to acquit the couple on seven of the 18 charges, all of which they denied.

He told the jury: "You must not assume guilt becaause the defendants have not given evidence. Norah Kirby found comfort and happiness at Cabin Court Lodge derived from the willingness of both Mr and Mrs Tillings to perform tasks for the old lady."

South Africans' golf clearance

South African golfers will be able to take part in this year's Glasgow Open in August at Haggs Cashe

The City's Labour administration has decided to accept a written declaration by the Professional Golfers' Association that it as a body is against apartheid in sport.

Popular magistrate retires after 24 years

St Valentine's night marked the end of a special romance ... between London's most popular magistrate and his court.

Mr St John "Mr Marlborough Street" Harmsworth, aged 71, was celebrating his retirement after 24 years as a stipendiary magistrate. Eleven magistrates, two judges and top lawyers were among the guests at the party.

Mr David Hopkin, chief metropolitan magistrate, said that Harrow and Oxford-educated Mr Harmsworth, a wartime Lieutenant commander, in the Royal Naval Voluntary Reserve, "went with his L plates" to Bow Street Court when first appointed a magistrate in 1961, then moved to Greenwich.

He started at Marlborough Street 18 years ago and Mr Hopkin, himself a former Marlborough Street magistrate, as was his father, Daniel Hopkin, paid the tribute. "He has probably left a much greater mark on this court than any other magistrate who sat here."

A specially commissioned watercolour painting of the courthouse was presented to Mr Harmsworth by the artist, Evelyn Griffiths, on behalf of his staff.

Mr Harmsworth, who lives in Chelsea, south-west London, is famed for his good nature and razor sharp wit on the bench, his outspoken and humourous remarks often making headline news.

Those qualities make him unique as a magistrate and, at a special sitting of the court on Friday, they were praised by Mr Timothy Lawrence, a solicitor, and, on behalf of the chairman of the Bar of England and Wales, by Mr James Bullen, a barrister.

Mr Bullen recalled the case of a demonstrator on a public order charge which Mr Harmsworth dismissed, saying: "Egg throwing is a time-honoured tradition in British political life".

"You have shown a compassion for people which goes far beyond that shown by your colleagues," Mr Bullen said.

In 1976 Mr Harmsworth made legal history when he became the first British magistrate to refer a case to the European Court of Justice for clarification on his powers to deport a Frenchman on drugs charges. The Luxembourg judges eventually ruled agaist deportation of a Common Market national from a member state.

Jury asked: 'Who is the villain'

The jury in the farmhouse car bomb trial was asked yesterday to decide who was the villain in the case.

The judge told them it was a choice between the defendant, Graham Backhouse, or his dead neighbour, Mr Colyn Bedale-Taylor.

Yesterday, the fifteenth day of the trial, Mr Justice Stuart-Smith began summing up. He told the jury it was up to the Crown to prove that it was Mr Backhouse who was responsible for the bombing. It was not for the defendant to prove his innocence.

The issue on the killing was whether it was unlawful. "Killing in self defence is not unlawful," he said.

"The choice of the villain in this case is between Mr Backhouse and Mr Bedale-Taylor.

"Either it was Mr Backhouse ... or it was Mr Bedale-Taylor who planted the bomb and made a confession to Mr Backhouse on April 30."

Mr Backhouse, aged 44, has pleaded not guilty at Bristol Crown Court to attempting to murder his wife, Maggie in a car bomb explosion at their Cotswold farm on April 9 last year.

He has pleaded not guilty to an alternative charge that he caused her grievous bodily harm with intent, and has also denied murdering Mr Bedale-Taylor three weeks later.

The Crown alleges that Mr Backhouse wanted to kill his wife to claim £100,000 insurance, and shot Mr Bedale-Taylor after making him the "scapegoat" for the bombing by pointing blame at him.

Mr Backhouse denies being responsible for the bomb planted in the family Volvo and says he shot Mr Bedale-Taylor in self defence after he confronted him at the Backhouse farm at Horton, near Bristol.

The jury will consider its verdicts on Monday.

Show to close

Mr Paul Raymond, the Soho impresario, has announced that his £2 million "Theatre of War" at the Whitehall theatre, London, will close temporarily from tomorrow night. He said he was awaiting the result of an appeal against an enforcement order by Westminster City Council, which says "Theatre of War" is an exhibition, not theatre, and must close.

Legal aid for defamation rejected by Hailsham

By Francis Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Lord Chancellor has rejected any extension of legal aid to cover defamation proceedings, in spite of strong support for such a reform throughout the legal profession.

Sir Michael Havers, QC, the Attorney General, in a Commons written reply has said that Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone had no plan to extend the legal aid in such proceedings, one of the only kinds of civil proceedings not covered by legal aid.

Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, has expressed support for the move. The Law Society and the Bar agreed that legal aid should be available, at least for certain types of defamation, in 1967.

The measure has been recommended by the Royal Commission on Legal Services, the Faulks committee on defamation and by Justice.

In a recent letter to *The Times*, Mr Peter Carter-Ruck, a libel lawyer, urged the Government to reconsider extending legal aid to defamation. The time was long overdue for remedying the injustice which prevented the poor man suing when he was a victim of defamation, he wrote.

Mr David Edwards, legal aid secretary at the Law Society, which runs the scheme, said yesterday that the decision was regrettable. "The Law Society supports the extension of legal aid to some defamation proceedings, particularly those against newspapers and television. At present there is no sanction against newspapers saying that he or she is poor and therefore it can say what it likes".

Although legal aid for defamation was not as high a priority for the society as aid for industrial tribunals, the present position led to injustice.

Building society in cash link

By Richard Thomson

The Abbey National, Britain's second largest building society, yesterday unveiled its new Abbeylink cash dispenser machines. Starting in May, the society will install 200 machines in Abbey National branches and in some retail stores, so far those in the House of Fraser and the 7-Eleven groups.

The society's six million depositors may apply for Abbeylink cards from next month.

The society is the largest participant in the Link shared cash dispenser network being launched this year. Other system members include the National Giro and Co-Operative banks, Nationwide Building Society, American Express and some smaller building societies. The network aims to install about 1,000 machines by the end of 1986, with the Abbey National the largest single contributor.

The society's machines will be concentrated initially in the South-East of England. Extra facilities will include the ability to take deposits of cash and cheques.

Burglars trapped by neighbours sentenced

Residents formed a vigilante group when burglars raided a neighbour's home, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

They surrounded the house and challenged the burglars to come out and face them. But the three raiders were so terrified they refused to leave the house until police arrived to protect them from the neighbours' fury.

Mr Recorder John Wright, QC, said: "There is no doubt that they thought they were all going to get roughed up."

Andrew Summers, aged 20, got a punch on the nose from one woman neighbour as he was escorted from the house. He said: "She was perfectly justified, but we were terribly frightened when we saw them and we have all learned our lesson."

Summers, of The Crescent, New Malden, south-west London, and David Newton, aged 20, of Earle Gardens, Kingston, were each ordered to do 140 hours community service. James Page, aged 22, of Beaufort Road, Kingston, was put on probation for two years.

They pleaded guilty to two burglaries, the second one at the home of Mr Robert Clark, and his wife, Grace, at Laburnum Grove, New Malden, when arrested in July.

The Clarks arrived home and found their television and video stack in the hall. They crept away to rouse their neighbours and a dozen vigilantes, armed with sticks and brooms, returned to trap the raiders inside.

JPs visit monkeys' home

Magistrates at Bromley in Kent, hearing a case involving alleged cruelty to five monkeys yesterday visited the farm where the offences were said to have taken place.

The Buckton Browne Farm at Downe, near Orpington, Kent, is run by the Royal College of Surgeons, which denies mal-treating five Macque monkeys. The case has been brought by the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection.

After the visit, a zoo inspector, Miss Winifred Branker, told the court that conditions at the farm were good. A dehydrated monkey might have been exhausted by frequent mating.

The hearing was adjourned until Monday.

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The General Synod

Church finally decides it has no opinion on cruise missiles in Britain

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

After two years of toying with the issue, the General Synod of the Church of England finally decided yesterday that it has no opinion to offer on the deployment of cruise missiles in Britain.

It declined to say that it had "deep misgivings", which was the form of words offered to it, largely on the ground that churchmen had no standing to comment on technical matters of strategic defence.

Yesterday's debate was the fourth attempt to bring the issue to some resolution. Opponents of cruise missiles had first tried to attach their condemnation to the resolutions debated in February 1982, the so-called "church and the bomb" debate which rejected unilateral nuclear disarmament.

There had been two subsequent attempts to debate it, the last of which got as far as opening speeches last November.

Christian CND said yesterday that it was very disappointed. But it was clear from the thinly-attended synod meeting that the issue did not stir passions as it had once done.

The synod's dilemma was represented by a speech from Canon Douglas Rhymes, of Southwark, who said cruise has a "first strike capability" and Mr Paul Rippon, of Norwich, who declared that a cruise launched at lunchtime would scarcely reach its target by tea.

The Bishop of Birmingham, the Rt Rev Hugh Montefiore, referred to the part of the resolution which called for a "nuclear freeze" and pointed out that its opponents had devoted hardly two minutes to their case.

From then onwards, there were several attempts to have the question left on one side, culminating in a successful adjournment, which effectively killed it.

It emerged yesterday that Dr Montefiore had submitted his resignation as chairman of the synod's Board for Social Responsibility as a result of Thursday's decision concerning the Warnock report.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, Dr Robert Runcie and Dr John Habgood, declined to accept his resignation, saying Dr Montefiore has "won the respect and confidence of the synod" by his role in that emergency debate.

However, Dr Montefiore's opponents in the synod, who want a firmer line taken on moral questions, regarded their victory in the emergency debate as a rebuff for him personally. Had they not forced the debate by raising a petition among members, the Church of England's view would have been represented to parliament as that of the Board for Social Responsibility, in favour of limited experimentation on human ebryos, which the synod repudiated on Thursday.

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Ethiopia faces disaster in drought-free areas

Plague of worms menaces crops

From Paul Vallely
Addis Ababa

A devastating plague threatens to destroy vast areas of the crops in the few areas of Ethiopia not beset by drought.

The creature responsible is a larva callad the armyworm, which moves across the countryside in a seething black carpet scores of kilometres wide. It devours all foliage within its path, even grass, with a daily appetite equivalent to 8,000 head of cattle.

According to a technical report by the food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the larvae will cause "tremendous crop losses... which cannot be tolerated considering the unprecedented famine in the country".

The report calls for a £1.5 million programme to combat the pestilence.

The armyworm is by far the most serious of the catastrophic pests which descend without warning on crops throughout africa. Its annual cycle begins in southern Tanzania in November.

Successive generations fly northwards with the prevailing winds, arriving in Kenya in February and reaching southern Ethiopia in April or May. From there, the fully-grown move to different parts of the country.

This year in Kenya the armyworm outbreaks have been the worst in East Africa since 1961 when scores of thousands of kilometres of crops and grazing land were defoliated all over according to John Perfect, Pest and Vector Management Department at the Tropical development and Research Institute in London.

"The otbreak has provoked an emergeny situation in Kenya with the Army mobilized in an attempt to control the larvae.

But according to the FAO report, even military action met with little success: "Even though attempts were made to control the infestation using insecticide, many of th larvae on range lands pupated and the emerging adults are expected to migrate to Ethiopia with the prevailing winds

The pest defoliates forage grasses and cultivated crops of the grass family such as wheat, barley, maize, sorghum, millet, and the Ethiopian national staple grain, teff. Seedlings are more liable to attack than large plants and suffer a propotionately greater loss of the total leaf area.

"The worst thing would be if the wind were to carry them off to the crop-growing areas during the first two months of growth," said Dr Perfect. "The crop would be totally destroyed, leaving no time for a second planting."

This on a smaller scale than is now threatened, is exactly what happened in Wollo during the 1974 crop season. Sorghum cultivated in the area was completely lost, again during a drought period.

The armworm inits catastrophic form is a pest associated with drought. When found in low densities the larvae are sluggish, but when high densitiew accumulate, as they do when drought restricts the habitat in which they can survive, they change their behaviour pattern and become highly active and voracious, said Dr Perfect.

"Then they move like an army on the march, in swathes covering scores of square kilometres, eating everything green within sight. The devastation is 100 per cent in those areas to which the wind carries them."

Direct chemical control is the only practical and economical method of combating the armyworm. The FAO report calls for 100,000 litres of fenitrothion insecticide and 5,000 knapsack and ultra low volume sprayers to be distributed throughout Ethiopia in the coming six weeks.

● GONDAR Two Ethiopians who escorted American congressmen on a tour of Falasha (Jewish) villages were attacked and beaten on Wednesday by men later identified as government authorities (NYT reports).

Senator Paul Trible (Republican, Virginia), described the incident as "a clear message by a very repressive regime that did not appreciate our going to Gondar or visiting the Falashas." Representative Gary Ackerman (Democrat, New York) sia it was reprehensible.

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Exodus: Tigré refugees heading for Sudan pause on their long journey at Qash river, near Aicota, Eritrea provinces (Photograph: Herbie Knott).

Botha holds door open to Mandela and ANC

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

President Botha of South Africa said yesterday that his offer of conditional release to Mr Nelson Mandela, jailed leader of the banned African National Congress, still stands and that his Government was ready to talk to the ANC if it renounced violence.

His offer did not apply only to those who had already served long terms for politically motivated crimes, such as Mr Mandela, but also to "those who have not yet served a substantial part of their sentences". The latter, he said, would "receive credit if they forswear violence".

Presidential aides indicated this meant that such prisoners, provided they met the stated condition, could be eligible for remission of a great part of what remained of their prison terms.

Mr Botha was speaking at a ceremony in Cape Town Castle in which he awarded the Star of South Africa, one of the country's highest honours, to a number of people for services to the armed forces. About 200 white, Indian and Coloured MPs, and ministers, as well as relatives of the recipients of awards, were present.

"If the ANC and other organizations concerned also decide to reject and renounce violence, the Government is willing to talk to them, as with any other organization that strives for true peace and development for the peoples of our land", the President said.

"We should heed the lessons of history and build a safe future on the wisdom of experience. We must not repeat the mistakes that were made elsewhere in Africa."

Three other leading ANC figures serving life sentences, Mr Walter Sisulu, in his early seventies, and Mr Ahmed Kathrada and Mr Andrew Mlangeni, in their fifties, have joined Mr Mandela, who is in his late sixties, in rejecting Mr Botha's offer.

In a six-page memorandum submitted to the President from Pollsmoor Prison near Cape Town, the three describe the offer as an "attempt to deceive the world that the Government is reasonable and human". They say it is up to the Government to cease violence, end apartheid, lift the ban from the ANC and allow exiled and banned people to return to South Africa and engage in free political activity.

The Prisons Department has announced that four "security prisoners" have accepted the terms for release, but has refused to reveal their names.

Observers see the President's latest statement as placatory and a signal that the door is still open. His reference to lessons of history is regarded by some as a veiled admission that it might have been a mistake to have banned the ANC.

The Government appears for the first time to have entered into a kind of bargaining process with the ANC, and it is not surprising that the pening statements by their side should have been tough. It is thought that a meeting of ANC leaders in exile, probably in Tanzania, which is planned in the next two months, could determine whether dialogue is possible.

● Five government soldiers, two blacks, and three whites, have died in clashes with Swapo guerrillas in northern Namibia, it was announced in Windhoek, the Namibian capital, yesterday.

The spokesman said that in the past nine days the security forces had killed 30 insurgents, bringing the total of Swapo rebels killed since the atart of th year to 130, against aloss of seven South African troops.

Train driver's 'blank' before death crash

A 45-second blank in the memory of a train driver remained when the inquiry into the Wembley Central rail crash in October, in which three people died and 18 were injured, ended in London yesterday.

The accident involved a Freightliner running between Willesden and Holyhead and a packed commuter train from Euston to Bletchley which struck it a side-long blow.

The driver, Mr Ronald Armstrong, aged 63, a teetotaller and non-smoker, who was often rostered for the Advanced Passenger Train's Euston-Glasgow run, could offer no explanation for his lack of memory of passing three signals, one on double amber, one on single and the red spot, at up to 65 mph, nor of their associated horn warning in the cab of the passenger train.

Mr Armstrong, of Leighton Buzzard, had total recall of the phasing of the signals from Euston but there was a 45-second blank until the horn "brought me back to life again. The horn sounded and I made an emergency brake and that was when I saw the liner."

Major Charles Rose, Department of Transport chief accident inspection officer, said when he closed the inquiry: "He had an almost total recall of every detail of the journey until he approached the signals, when he had an extraordinary lapse of concentration or memory of the events."

Major Rose said: "The situation is no doubt a worrying one because here we have a train driven by a very experienced driver with modern signalling and additional aids, such as the automatic warning system. The AWS appears to have failed in its function of providing a safe interval between trains."

High Court ruling for police chief

The Chief Constable of Derbyshire, Mr Alfred Parrish, who has been suspended from his post pending disciplinary proceedings, was allowed in the High Court yesterday to seek to bring foward his retirement from the force.

The local police authority, Derbyshire County Council, has refused to hear his application to retire, although three doctors have said Mr Parrish is disabled. His counsel, Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC, said the authority feared his retirement would "thwart" those proceedings.

New flag flies over Guernsey

A proposed new Guernsey flag, flown for the first time yesterday at St Peter Port, combines a gold cross used by William the Conqueror with the St George's Cross, and is intended to symbolize the island's links with Normandy, as well as with the English crown.

If the design is approved by local MPs on March 13, the Queen's approval will be sought for its use.

Actor accused of breaking window

John Bindon, aged 41, the actor, of Fulham, south-west London, appeared before West London magistrates yesterday accused of causing £10 damage by smashing a window at the Balogen Restaurant in Old Brompton Road.

He asked for time to seek legal advice and was remanded on bail until March 1.

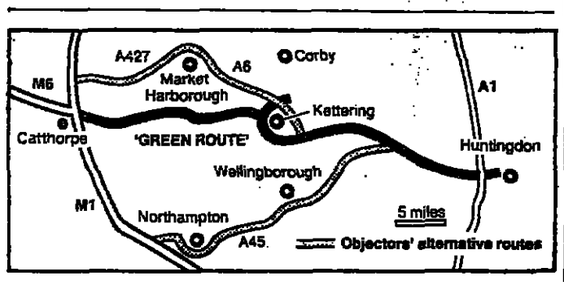
Heroin seized at Heathrow

Customs officers seized £850,000 of heroin at Heathrow Airport on Thursday, it was disclosed yesterday. The heroin was sewn into the jacket and bedroll of a passenger from Bombay.

The suspect and three men who were waiting for him were arrested.

Nureyev dances

Rudolf Nureyev is to appear as a guest artist with the London Festival Ballet for two performances of *La Sylphide* at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, on February 27 and 28.



Road would ruin much farmland, inquiry told

Government plans for the M1/A1 link road will cause serious disruption to farming and take a large area out of agriculture for ever, a public inquiry was told yesterday.

The inquiry at Kettering, Northamptonshire was told that the Department of Transport's "green route" would bring a huge volume of traffic to areas that have never experienced it before, and where residents enjoyed a "quiet and rural life".

Mr Michael Grindal, a farmer, of Catthorpe, Leicestershire, where the "green route" would begin, said it would be better to use the existing A427 and A45 as the link road, this saving "a considerable area of irreplaceable agricultural land".

The proposed road, as set out by the Department of the Environment and of Transport, dissected many farms, causing disturbance and distruption to farming, whereas the alternative route on the A427 and A45 would not do so, he said.

The inquiry has lasted 21 weeks, and is expected to go on for at least another three months. More than 1,000 objections have been lodged to the Government's plans, and four options put forward.

Mr Grindal, who farms 700 acres, said that the "green route" would pass through some "historical and unspoilt countryside", whereas farmers and villagers close to the A427 were used to heavy traffic and noise.

He told the inquiry that the proposed layout for the M6/M1-A1 junction would increase his costs, and restrict movement around the farm.

Mr Derrick Masters, a solicitor representing more than 20 farmers, called on the Department to improve plans for drainage of the link road.

UN says starvation estimate too low

The head of the United Nations famine relief operation in Ethiopia left London yesterday having briefed Mr Timothy Raison, the Minister for Overseas Development, and senior British aid workers on long-term problems facing the international relief effort (Paul Vallely writes).

Mr Kurt Jansson, Assistant Secretary-General of the UN, told them that the previous estimate of people at risk from starvation in Ethiopia – 7.7 million – was too low. The were probably nearer 8.5 million. He recommended that a new survey of the problem be conducted jointly by Ethiopia, the charities and UN agencies.

Supplies of grain looked satifactory in the short term. The target for the year was 1.3 million tonnes, and deliveries promised between now and May would bring in 600,000 tonnes.

Supplementary food, for high-intensity feeding of severely malnourished children, was in very short supply. Urgent deliveries were needed. Large shipments were expected from the United States and the World Food Programme in three months time but 4,800 tonnes needed to be airlifted to fill the gap.

Mr Jannon told Mr Raison that the international community needed to extend planning well into 1986 to ensure that the relief effort was not caught unprepared for further bad harvests. Even if there was a normal harvest this year, the yield would be at least 10 per cent less because of the dislocation of population caused by spontaneous and government-organized resettlement and because many ploughing oxen have died.

Ethiopia would need at least 600,000 tonnes of grain in 1986

'Dallas' may be served up Peking style

From Christopher Mosey
Stockholm

Dallas, The Jewel in the Crown, and other popular series running on Swedish television willbe shown either without sound or to the accompaniment of Chinese or classical music after March 7 unless agreement is reached in a dispute with the militant local composers' union.

The union is asking for a 27 per cent increase in royalties paid for the use of contemporary recorded music, including sound tracks, which would cost Swedish radio £4.2 million a year.

If agreement is not reached, the only music that could be broadcast in Sweden after March 7 would be tunes written before 1935, classical or Chinese music, none of which are subject to royalty payments.

Spying scandal in Spain

Two Americans leave in a hurry

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Two Americans with diplomatic status have been withdrawn hurriedly from Spain after being caught spying on communications installations, according to newspaper reports here yesterday.

Both the US Embassy in Madrid and the Spanish Foreign Ministry refused to make any direct comment, but Spanish intelligence sources claimed that earlier this month the two had been caught photographing government buildings.

One of the Americans is said to have worked in the embassy while the other held a civilian job on the US Air Force base at Torrejón, just outside the capital.

Last month a cultural attaché at the Soviet Embassy was expelled for allegedly seeking to buy official documents concerning the Government's scientific and technological programme.

The last case involving an American was 12 months ago when Spanish police claimed to have caught a member of the CIA while he was tapping telephone conversations between arms dealers in a Madrid hotel.

Spanish officials conceded yesterday that they were withholding comment to avoid further strain on Spanish-American relations at a time when reports from Washington of US contingency plans to station nuclear depth charges in Spain have alarmed Madrid.

In addition, Mr James Dobbins, Under-Secretary of State for European Affairs in the Reagan Administration, visited Madrid earlier this week to try to resolve serious differences over Spain's reluctance to join Concom, the strategic exports coordinating group of Nato countries and Japan.

● LISBON: Responding to reports that the United States has had secret plans since 1975 to install nuclear arms on Portugal's Azores islands and other countries for emergency use, the Portuguese Foreign Minister, Senhor Jaime Gama, said in Lisbon yesterday that "Portuguese authorities have not even stooped to consider the speculation" (Martha de la Cal writes).

He said his ministry commented only on facts, not speculation. He pointed out that the recent agreement between Portugal and the United States on the use of the Lajes base in the Azores clearly stated that there would be no nuclear arms deposits.

Bomb attack

Berlin (AP) – A Bomb damaged the home of Herr Manfred Ganschow, chief of West Berlin's State Security Office.

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Support for Bill to ban embryo experiments

COMMONS

The Unborn Children (Protection) Bill to prevent experiments on human embryos, was read a second time in the Commons by 238 votes to 66 – majority 172. As the debate was about to start, protesters in the Strangers' Gallery let off fire crackers, shouted, blew whistles and threw pamphlets. They were escorted out by the doorkeepers.

The Bill, sponsored by Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, OUP), prevents a human embryo being created, kept or used for any purpose other than enabling a child to be born to a particular woman and makes it a criminal offence to be in possession of an embryo except with the authority of the Secretary of State for Social Services given expressly for that purpose and no other.

Before Mr Powell opened the debate 11 other MPs submitted petitions signed by many of their constituents concerning the protection of the human embryo.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Health, said Mr Powell's Bill had come too soon. The issue had not been thoroughly debated and thought out.

Mr Powell said the Bill did not interfere in any way with the procedures in use at present for enabling women who would not otherwise be able to do so to bear children.

When he first read the Warnock report he had a sense of revulsion and repugnence deep and instinctive towards the proposition that a thing, however defined, of which the sole purpose and object was that it might be a human life should be subjected to experiment to its destruction for the purpose of the acquisition of knowledge. He soon discovered that his opinion was widely shared.

It was argued that to permit the use of the fertilized embryo for research would open the way to new and useful medical knowledge. As a layman he did not dispute that. He suspected that if the inquiring human spirit was denied one avenue of arriving at truth and information it would speedily find other ways of doing so.

Nevertheless the moral, human and social cost of this information being obtained in a way which outraged the instincts of so many was a price too great to pay. In all of them there was what they imperfectly described as a sense of what was owed to the dignity of man.

Mr Jo Richardson (Barking, Lab) said Mr Powell had claimed the Bill would not interfere with research into infertility, but that was not the opinion of others who were qualified. They believed it would effectively outlaw that research.

Even if he were right, and the Bill did not close the door for infertile couples, it would impose the most serious procedures on *in vitro* fertilization. Women would have to await the express consent of the Secretary of State rather than allowing women to decide for themselves with their doctors.

The Secretary of State was not a doctor and niether he nor his officials could possibly have the expertise to say yes or no to a request. The decision would be quite arbitrary.

Mr Norman St John-Stevas (Chelmsford, C) said an embryo was a unique form of mauer. It is human, alive and had the full potential of becoming a human being. It was morally wrong to stimulate its creation for the purposes of experimentation or to discard it and throw it in the dustbin.

Infertility should be relieved if possible, but not by any means. Parents existed for children and not the other way around.

We should (he said) proclaim the values of dignity and uniqueness of all human life. This is the only effective way both to encourage the pursuit of knowledge which I agree is a vital part of the vocation of man and at the same time to erect barriers beyond which the tyrannies of scientific techniques shall not pass.

Ms Clare Short (Birmingham, Ladywood, Lab) said the techniques of *in vitro* fertilization would not have been found without this research. There was a contradiction in morality if this research was outlawed now. It would be better if the Government introduced a comprehensive Bill of its own.

Mrs Ann Winterton (Congleton, C) said she supported the Bill because it sought to step in where the Government had been too slow or lacked the moral courage to tread.

It should not be left to some members of the medical profession, no matter how eminent and responsible, to play God and decide who was to live and who was to die. They were all aware of the dreadful consequences and possibilities of genetic engineering.

Mr David Crouch (Canterbury, C), parliamentary lay member of the Medical Research Council, said the business of medical research in the area of embryology and human fertilization was to help humanity and not to work against it. It was to help those who were infertile and to help to control fertility. Above all it was to help to prevent congential abnormality.

Research into *in vitro* fertilization was very new. There was more they needed to know to help the childless couple and the childless mother. The Bill required them to stop research.

Researchers were not monsters. They were medical scientists working in an area of great human need.

Sir Bernard Braine (Castle Point, C) said that if the House were to reject the Bill and thereby endorse the Warnock proposals it would have accepted the principle that some human beings were to be regarded as non-persons if it suited the interests of science and was held to benefit others. The iden that the end justified the means did not die with Hitler. It was alive today.

Mr Leo Abse (Torfaen, Lab) said any woman wanting *in vitro* fertilization would have to make an application to the Secretary of State. Licensed motherhood would be determined in Whitehall by an anonymous beauracrt. Such humiliation of women should be rejected.

The Rev Ian Paisley (North Antrim, DUP) said he supported the Bill. He rejected the right of scientists to usurp the authority of God. In the name of unborn children – helpless, defenceless and voiceless human beings – he urged the House to give the Bill a second reading.

Sir Hugh Rossi (Hornsey and Wood Green, C) said he welcomed the Bill but was nervous in leaving it up to the Secretary of State to determine the criteria for embryo insertion and the measure would not prevent the embryos being bought and sold.

Mrs Renee Short (Wolverhampton North East, Lab) said the success rate for *in vitro* fertilization was low and research was still needed to improve it. If the Bill was passed this work would cease.

Mr Robert Jackson (Wantage, C) said research was still needed into the causes of congenital abnormalities. So long as there was the possibility of experiments producing results Parliament was taking a grave responsibility in preventing them.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, said the Government was neutral. Plainly it owed the House a full response to the recommendations of the Warnock Committee in due course and Parliament would have to address itself to a major Bill covering a large number of these issues.

"We could not tell the House when such a Bill could be introduced. The Government's aim was to produce a Bill in the lifetime of the Parliament – as soon as was reasonably possible.

"Those who supported Mr Powell's Bill were probably stopping beneficial research. It was a drastic step to rule out an area of research which people wished to follow."

The choice the House has to face today (he said) is between regulation or criminal law and a ban – whether it is all banned or somehow it is regulated in a way yet to be determined.

Mr Michael Meacher, chief Opposition spokesman on health and social security, speaking in a personal capacity, said he respected the motives of those promulgating the Bill but the wiser course would be to reject it. It was premature because it pre-empted the wider Warnock package.

Costly facelift fails to save diplomatic outpost

From Mario Modiano, Salonika

The British consulate here, founded in 1724 and the oldest consular post in its diplomatic service, is to close, victim of another Foreign Office economy drive.

"It is sad to think that the flag that has flown here for 261 years will be taken down in less than two months," said Mr Anthony Bradfield, who seems destined to be the last British consul in this northern Greek city.

He is to be replaced by an honorary consul after March 31, and Britain will save £34,000 a year. Perhaps typically, the consulate premises were given a costly facelift only a few months ago.

The consulate was set up, while Salonika was still part of the Ottoman Empire, as a vital staging post on the way to Constantinople both by road and sea – the very reason why the city, built by Kassander in 316 BC and named after the half-sister of Alexander the Great, was proclaimed the second city of the Byzantine Empire.

Britain's outpost played an important role in the last years of Ottoman Rule after 1900, when for 14 years it even operated its own post office, and of course later during the Macedonian campaign. Salonika was conquered by the Greeks in 1912.

In recent years the consulate looked after the interests of British trade, two or three thousand Britons in the area, about 60,000 British holiday-makers each year, and the nine British war cemeteries of northern Greece.

British residents have organized a protest group headed by Brigadier (Ret) John Notley, against the closure, but so far to no avail.

The strongest reaction has come from the Greeks of Salonika who this year celebrate the 2,300th anniversary of their city: they have taken the action as a slight. Britain has been receiving telegrams of protest from their organizations.

Consulates are maintained in Salonika by the United States, Fnce, Germany and Italy. The Soviet Union is now pressing Greece to allow it to open one.

Palestinians in Sidon camp promise peace when troops leave

From Robert Fisk, Ein Helwe camp, Sidon

There are earthen barricades going up around Ein Helwe and the underground shelters are being cleared but the 35,000 Palestinians living in the slums of the Sidon refugee camp have promised to keep the peace when Israeli troops leave the city this weekend.

The Palestinians have told the Lebanese authorities here that they will neither attack the Christians living on the hills above them nor engage in a fratricidal war between pro-Arafat and anti-Arafat Palestine Liberation Organization factions.

A 10-man "Popular Committee" made up of both groups from the camp, yesterday trooped into the Sidon Serail to talk to Colonel Assad Dagher. At the half-hour meeting a short, dark-haired man in



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a blue jacket, who gave his name as Abu Saeed, announced that his people "will not attack any political group in the area and will respect Lebanese government authority".

Mr Abu Saeed was more vague when I spoke with him afterwards. While insisting there was no division between PLO factions inside the camp – in itself an incredible claim – he hesitated when I asked if armed PLO guerrillas rather than Lebanese troops would be on guard outside the camp in a month's time. "Perhaps no and perhaps yes" was all he said.

In fact, the inhabitants of Ein Helwe have been restoring and re-stocking their deep underground bunkers in case the camp comes under siege by Christian militiamen or under Israeli air attack. Young men have thrown up earthen barricades around approaches to the camp. One of them, which ran between Ein Helwe and the Christian Phalangist suburb of Darb Seem, was smashed down by an Israeli tank on Thursday, a curious thing to do since the revetment could have been used *only if Christians* attacked Palestinians in the area. The Israelis have left other barricades intact.

Furthermore Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, appears to have gone to extraordinary lengths to ensure that Ein Helwe remains firmly in the hands of his supporters and not those of the pro-Syrian Abu Moussa PLO group.

Sources in the camp say that Mr Arafat, before leaving Tunis for Romania this week, sent a large quantity of funds to a PLO account in a French bank in Sidon, money which is now being distrubuted in the camp. The sources say that 2,000 Lebanese pounds (about £133) is being given to every married man in Ein Helwe and 1,000 Lebanese pounds to single men. In the camp, this sort of money goes a long way.

If Mr Arafat intends buying off his opponents in Sidon, however, members of Ein Helwe's committee agreed yesterday that there are hundreds of Palestinian guerrillas who fled the camp during the 1982 Israeli invasion and will now return to be with their families. These men are now in th Bekaa valley and despite Mr Abu Saeed's claim that there are no guns in Ein Helwe, young men – apparently Arafat supporters – are carrying weapons in the camp at night.

Colonel Dagher made few comments as he listened to the Palestinian delegation in his office. "Some of our own Palestinian leaders, like George Habash and Nayef Hawatmeh, are Christians," Mr Abu Saeed told him. "So if we were to attack the Christians here, we would have to kill our leaders first." Such emotions did not stop the PLO from killing a very large number of Christians during the civil war in Lebanon. However Mr Abu Saeed grew more serious when he demanded the right of Palistinians in Ein Helwe to travel freely to Beirut. "We want to be able to go to Beirut without problems. We want to have the right to work in Sidon. There are no problems in Ein Helwe."

Afterwards, he told *The Times*: "Our people are not for one group or another, for Arafat or Abu Moussa. Leaders are not gods. But we are for the PLO. And the Lebanese Government must treat us as Humans." Lebanon's soldiers are indeed now gathering for their advance into Sidon. As nervous Israeli troops continued to fire into the air over the heads of dozens of civilians on the Awali river yesterday, Lebanese Army tanks and armoured personnel carriers were parked a few hundred yards to the north.

Nevertheless, it looks as if the soldiers will not enter Ein Helwe.



Centre of attention: Mr Levin flanked by Mr al-Sharaa (left) and Mr Eagleton in Damascus yesterday.

Unifil protests to Israelis over village punch-up

From Christopher Walker
Jerusalem

Unifil, the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, has registered an official complaint with the Israeli Army about an incident in the south Lebanese village of Burj Rahhal on Thursday, in which French UN troops and Israeli soldiers were involved in a fist-fight.

A UN spokesman said yesterday that it happened when the French unit attempted to dissuade Israeli soldiers with a bulldozer from demolishing a house in the Shia Muslim village raided earlier by a force of 200 Israelis. About 60 of the villagers were taken away for questioning about recent ambushes in the area near the occupied city of Tyre.

The spokesn said the UN soldiers regarded it as part of their peace-keeping mandate to prevent the home being bulldozed, but they were outnumbered and forced from the scene by the Israelis, who destroyed a community centre and three houses of suspected guerrillas.

The Israelis are unrepentant about the incident, which has revived much of the suspicion felt by officials here about the role being played by Unifil in southern Lebanon. Officers told Israeli radio of their disappointment at the behaviour of the Unifil men, claiming they would have been better employed "preventing terrorist activity".

It is understood that a report sent by Unifil commanders to UN headquarters in New York supported the action of the French soldiers.

In a separate development, the Israeli Army announced yesterday that an investigation had been launched into an incident in Lebanon on Wednesday, when it is alleged that an Israeli captain fired deliberately at a car containing an NBC correspondent and a film crew. No one was injured.

Yesterday executives of the NBC and CBS networks in the US were reported to have sent letters of protest to Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister.

Mr Lawrence Grossman, NBC news president, was quoted as describing the incident, which took place near the Awali river crossing, as outrageous and demanding that the Israeli concerned should be severely reprimanded.

Syria gives escaped TV man to Americans

From Our Correspondent
Beirut

Jeremy Levin, the American television journalist who escaped after nearly a year of captivity in Lebanon, was turned over to US custody yesterday in Damascus.

The Syrian Foreign Minister, Mr Farouk al-Sharaa, presented Mr Levin to the American Ambassador, Mr William Eagleton. The journalist was later flown to Frankfurt for a reunion with his family.

Mr Levin had been working as the Beirut bureau chief for Cable News network when he disappeared on March 7 last year from his flat in west Beirut, the Muslem sector. He said he had been held in a block of flats somewhere in the Bekaa Valley, which is under Syrian control. He never knew who his captors were. "They were holding me for something. They didn't kill me. But I don't know why they were holding me."

The shadowy Islamic Jihad organization claimed it was holding Mr Levin and four other Americans.

The journalist described his escape as "the usual cliché". He slipped loose from his chains late on Wednesday night, tied three blankets together and slid down the wall.

After running for abou two hours, he met some Syrian soldiers. He believed at least four others were being held in the same building but did not know who they were.

UN hands tied

Lebanon insists on going it alone after pullout

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

Lebanon has refused to take any formal steps in the United Nations Security Council to arrange a peacekeeping role for the world body in Sidon after the Israelis have left – within the next 48 hours.

Beirut is insisting that the Lebanese Army will cope alone, and this has tied the hands of the Security Council. Even efforts to take symbolic measures over the predictions of civil chaos have been thwarted.

Diplomats see Syria as the compelling force behind the Lebanese bravado. There is some hope that it is nothing more than diplomatic brinkmanship with the departing Israel's and at the last moment a strong UN contingent will be given the green light to go to Sidon. There have been attempts by some members of the Security Council to vilify Syria and shame it into allowing Lebanon to make the crucial request for assistance.

But there is a more prevalent view that Syria, in pursuing its role as power-broker in Lebanon and thus strengthening its influence in the wider Middle East arena, simply does not want UN troops in the way.

Since it views a subservient Lebanon as vital to its interests, Syria may be blocking a UN presence in Sidon in the same way that it prevented a UN force from entering Beirut last year to replace the besieged multinational forces.

Damascus would like to be the one to control the level of violence in Sidon. Scenarios are being suggested of Syria coming to the rescue and gaining even further leverage.

Syrias's dominance in Lebanon provoked the creation of a moderate Arab axis of Egypt, Jordan and Iraq. Diplomats believe Monday's agreement between King Hasain of Jordan and Mr Yassir Arafat will only make Syria more determined to see the PLO rebels establish a stronghold in the Palestinain camps in southern Lebanon.

Mr Arafat's representaives at the UN have been sending frantic leuers to the Security Council enjoining it to act, and the Soviet Union may find itself in a position of having to choose between Mr Arafat and Syria in the Council.

Tehran denies reports of Khomeini illness

Tehran (Reuter, AFP) – The Speaker of Iran's Parliament, Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, yesterday denied Western reports that Ayatollah Khomeini is ill.

Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani told worshippers at prayers in Tehran that the Western radio had "magnified the question of the Imam's illness, a non-existent illness".

He referred to the Ayatollah as being about 86 years old and said: "Considering the old age and weakness coming with it, the Imam is one of the most hard-working old persons in the world."

In recent months Ayatollah Khomeini has considerably reduced his public engagements.

On the war with Iraq, Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani, a member of the Supreme Defence Council, said Iran had the upper hand. It was ready to attack at every point but would not be rushed into a premature operation.

Unesco to get £2m extra from Moscow

From Diana Geddes
Paris

The Soviet Union has announced that it will donate an extra $2.5 million (about £2 million) to this year's United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization budget to help bridge the huge gap in Unesco's funds caused by the withdrawal of the United States, formerly its main contributor.

France announced earlier this week that it would provide an extra $2 million towards the $28 million which need to be found this year if further cuts in programmes and administrative costs are to be avoided. The other Western nations are firmly against any increase

Mexico and India will donate the $500,000 which each should have received to make up for an over-evaluation of their contributions last year. Venezuela has said it will contribute the $330,000 owing to it, and Pakistan the $50,000 which it would have received.

Call for red-light charter

From Robert Schuil, Amsterdam

A three-day international prostitutes' congress ended here last night with a fund-raising masked ball in a leading Amsterdam hotel.

Earlier the congress, attended by about 150 male and female prostitutes and their supporters from West Europe and North America, adopted a "world charter for prostitutes' rights" and set up an international committee for those rights.

The main aim of the charter is to obtain recognition that prostitution is a profession like any other, and that taxation and social benefits should apply as in other trades.

The committee, which intends to lobby the United Nations, the European Parliament and national governments, will be based in The Netherlands and seek tax-exempt foundation status.

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Bulgarians accused of killings to make Turks change names

From Roger Boyes, Sofia

Travellers returning from the rugged northern mountain district of Bulgaria yesterday gave a dramatic, detailed picture of the government campaign to change, at bayonet point, the names of ethnic Turks.

Several scores of Turks have been killed, some Muslin women raped or humiliated, and internal security troops backed by tanks have encircled villages in the operation to assimilate Bulgaria's biggest national minority, the sources said.

The main operational areas in the north-east and south-east of Bulgaria have been closed to diplomats and journalists since the name-changing action began in December. But for the first time some travellers have broken through the security cordon and on their return told *The Times* of the fierce clashes between the Bulgarian forces and the Turks.

News of the intensified violence has also reached Ankara, which has withdrawn its ambassador, Mr Omer Engin Lutem, for "consultations".

The embassy in Sofia is surrounded by armed militiamen, who bar entry to Bulgarian Turks. The ambassador left yesterday in an armour-plated car.

According to the travellers, the village of Yabbonovo, in the Balkan mountain range, was sealed off entirely on January 12, a day after the 1,800 inhabitants had been told that their names would be changed from Islamic to Bulgarian ones.

Security forces were seen in the streets with walkie-talkies and at 3am tanks started to rumble round the periphery of the village, striking fear into the population. At daylight the militia entered and moved from house to house.

"Each head of the household received a form with a blank space for him, his wife and five children," the travellers said. "If they hesitated, the militia simply pointed a gun at the head of the man and said 'sign'. Some were shot."

The Bulgarian Government denies it is using violence. Mr Lyubomir Shopov, head of the Foreign Ministry's Balkan Affairs Department, told *The Times* yesterday: "There is no substance to the press claims that we are forcing anyone to change his name. Everyone has a legal right under Bulgarian law to change their names. The territory had not been sealed off. "It was just that heavy snowfalls have blocked the road."

However, the travellers said the violence experienced in Yabbonovo had been repeated throughout the Turkish region, including neighbouring villages and town shops such as Vrani, Lon and Valichka. In the regional capital of Razgrad, in the north-east, merchants in the bazars are reporting that local fatalaties are between 200 and 300.

This information was supplied to them by Turkish farmers who were allowed to leave their beseiged village to deliver produce. There is no way of confirming such reports, but they are in line with estimates by several Western embassies. The Turkish press had reported some 800 fatalities in the recent clashes, but the travellers tend to discount this as exaggeration.

However, the methods used by the Bulgarian militia seem to be calculated to spark off violence from the Islamic farmers, most of whom are hunters, with axes and shotguns readily to hand in their houses. Witnesses have said the police sometime strip teenage daughters of the farmers, in an effort to humiliate the family and persuade them to sign away their Turkish names.

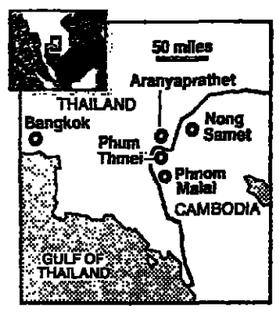
Some Turks built barricades when they heard that the militia, backed by internal security troops, were approaching to carry out the name-changing operation.

The point of the campaign seems to be to create a new uniform Bulgarian identity and deny the existence of any substantial minority. The Bulgarian Turks have to change their names from, for example, Ismael to Ivan and from Mehmet to Mikhail. Family names are chosed from a list.

The Government claims that it is being seriously misrepresented in the Turkish and western press and complained to this effect to Sir Geoffrey Howe, the British Foreign Secretary, who was in Sofia earlier this week. He replied that if there were any distortions in the reports, which are believed by all the main Western embassies, the Bulgarian Government should allow objective observers into the scaled areas.

Vietnamese seize Khmer HQ to complete Thai border victory

From Neil Kelly
Bangkok



Vietnamese and Cambodian government forces seized the Khmer Rouge headquarters at Phum Thmei east of the Thai border yesterday. Thai officers said that, after reaching the village, troops set fire to houses and other buildings.

Although Phum Thmei has been the administrative and communications headquarters of the Khmer Rouge for several years, the guerrillas did not put up a struggle, but laid mines on approaches before withdrawing

Phum Thmei has become known as the capital of "Free Cambodia". Last weekend, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, leader of the resistance, visited the village and received credentials from four foreign ambassadors. About 17,000 civilians lived there until they fled into Thailand

The Khmer Rouge, whose military commander is Pol Pot, the former ruler of Cambodia, have abandoned most of their bases in western Cambodia.

There were believed to be about 10,000 Khmer in the Phum Thmei region. They have broken up into small units, according to Thai officers, and are preparing to strike at the Vietnamese Army's long supply lines.

The battle near the border appears to be over. General Arthit Kamland-Ek, the Thai supreme military commander, said yesterday: "The loss of territory does not mean defeat in guerrilla warfare".

Diplomats in Bankok, however, believe the setbacks of the past three months reduce the credibility of the resistance as an alternative to the Vietnamese-backed administration in Phnom Penh.

Prince Sihanouk expressed his concern about the situation. He said loss of territory and the fact that all civilians under the control of the resistance had been forced into Thailand might be damaging when the United Nations decides later this year whether to continue recognizing the resistance as the legitimate government.

Walesa to face the prosecutor in Gdansk

Warsaw (Reuter) – Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader, said yesterday he had been summoned for questioning by prosecutors, as three senior activists of the banned trade union were charged with planning a national strike.

Mr Walesa reported through an aide that the prosecutor in Gdansk wanted to see him today "as a suspect" on the same charges faced by Mr Adam Michnik, Mr Bogdan Lis and Mr Wladyslaw Frasyniuk.

The three were detained on Wednesday at a Solidarity meeting in a flat near Mr Walesa's home. Mr Walesa, who was present, was allowed to go free.

The official PAP news agency said Mr Michnik, Mr Lis and Mr Frasyniuk, who were all freed from jail last year under a political amnesty, were accused of fomenting unrest and illegal protests. The charges carry maximum prison sentences of three years, the Justice Ministry said.

They refer to the union's call for a 15-minute strike across Poland on February 28 against food price increases, to be introduced in March, and longer working hours.

The strike proposal, which came from Solidarity's underground Provisional Co-ordinating Commission (TKK), is the union's first call for industrial action for 18 months.

PAP made no mention of four other activists. Mr Janusz Palubicki, Mr Mariusz Wilk, Mr Jacek Merkel and Mr Stanislaw Henzlik, also picked up in the raid.

The authorities have 48 hours in which to lay charges against detained suspects or to release them. This period has now elapsed.

Mr Michnik and Mr Lis are already under investigation for attending the TKK meeting last month which decided on the strike.

The Justice Ministry said their amnesties could be revoked if they were convicted on the present charges, but only after all appeals procedures had been exhausted.

Mr Frasyniuk served a two-month sentence last autumn for allegedly disturbing public order, but it was passed by a misdemeanours court rather than a criminal court.

The three men are among Poland's foremost opposition activists.

● BISHOPS' ATTACK: Poland's Roman Catholic bishops yesterday accused the authorities of waging an "unprecedented" propaganda campaign against the church" (AP reports).

The bishops said that the trial of four secret police officers for the kidnap and murder of Father Jerzy Popieluszko had harmed church-state relations and failed to "strengthen social peace" in Poland.

The long agony of a chess marathon



Indignant challenger: Kasparov at yesterday's news conference, when the match was called off.

Frustrated Kasparov shows the calibre of a champion

By Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent

The decision by Mr Florencio Campomanes, the Filipino president of the International Chess Federation (Fide), to end the match between Anatoly Karpov and Gary Kasparov is unprecedented in the history of world championship matches.

Karpov has successfully defended his title by grace of the presidential decision to cut the Gordian knot in favour of the world champion, and thereby bring to a close the longest and most disappointing match in the history of the world championship.

To do him justice, Mr Campomanes seems to have opted for the only practical way of solving the problem with which he was confronted.

The whole chess world will sympathize with the young challenger's indignation at being deprived of victory after his fine work in the match. He will have the satisfaction, albeit a meagre one, of having shown that, although he is not yet world champion, he is fully capable of world championship mettle.

Disappointing though the final result may be to Kasparov, at one time it looked as though it was going to be even grimmer; after 20 games Karpov was leading by 5-0.

The way Kasparov started the match, which began on September 10, was extremely puzzling to all those of us who had hoped for a series of sparkling moves from the hand of one who appeared to be a young genius and who had already established himself in a leading position in the tournament world in quite a number of brilliant and massive victories.

Early on, however, it was apparent that his preparations for this match had been faulty. It was almost as though he took his task too lightly and thought he was going to achieve an easy victory.

He was, in fact, doomed to suffer one great handicap from the start of the match, when it became clear that the world champion had secured for himself the best analysts and the leading opening theorists in the Soviet Union to assist him in his opening preparations for the match and also to aid him in adjournment analysis. Karpov, who got the best of the grandmasters in his team, left only the second-raters to the challenger.

WINNING GAMES

	game	winner
Sept 17	3	Karpov*
Sept 27	6	Karpov
Sept 29	7	Karpov*
Oct 6	9	Karpov*
Nov 24	27	Karpov*
Dec 13	32	Kasparov*
Jan 30	47	Kasparov
Feb 9	48	Kasparov*

* playing White

This perhaps might explain why, when the match started, Kasparov allowed the games to proceed on opening lines that were more familiar to the world champion than to him.

It does not, however, explain the really feeble nature of Kasparov's early play. We saw none of the brilliant attacks for which he is world famous. The close resemblance between his play and that of the young Alekhine had led most of us to believe that the young challenger might well triumph over his more experienced adversary; but instead of beautiful executed combinative victories à la Alekhine, all we saw was a feeble and poorly-planned attacks.

Still worse were the missed opportunities missed in a style totally uncharacteristic of his play hitherto.

An example was game six, in which he missed no fewer than three wins and eventually lost, and game 16. The latter miss was all the more reprehensible because it was the sort of combination that Kasparov would have seen like lightning in the days when he came first in great tournaments, ahead of most of the world's grandmasters.

After losing no fewer than five games, and coming within one point of losing the match, Kasparov steadied down and a long series of draws commenced. People wondered that Karpov did not make any attempt to force matters and win the sixth game and, with it, the match.

But Karpov was in no hurry. He seemed content to sit back and wait for Kasparov to achieve his own ruin. But it was the challenger who won the 32nd game in a style, be it said, with which we are fully familiar.

This victory signalled a new phase in the match, with the challenger on the offensive and the champion beginning to show signs of failing stamina.

Kasparov won two more games, with Karpov playing feebly, advancing his pawns – and creating weaknesses – on both flanks. This was uncharacteristic of Karpov, who normally plays extremely safely. Kasparov, in beautifully attacking style, exploited these weaknesses to perfection.

By this stage it was clear that the world champion's failing physical resources could well result in the loss of the match.



Pensive champion: Karpov (right) listens impassively as Mr Florencio Campomanes, the Fide president, addresses the meeting.

Official in Ankara held on spy charge

Ankara (Reuter) – Mr Hayat Ilhan, press spokesman for Turkey's Interior Ministry, has been arrested on suspicion of spying for Libya, his wife told Reuters.

His arrest comes after the detention on spying charges of a translator at the Libyan Embassy and a Turkish journalist. They face up to 15 years in jail if convicted of spying.

Mafia hideaway discovered

Palermo (AP) – Heavily-armed police, scouring the countryside for Mafia suspects, discovered an underground hideaway believed to have been used by top crime chiefs.

The elaborate system of tunnels and rooms was found beneath a country villa outside Palermo that belonged to Michele Greco, nicknamed "The Pope", and his cousin Salvatore, a newspaper report said.

Sri Lanka frees journalists

Colombo (Reuter) – The Sri Lankan Government has ordered the release of three journalists, two of them Britons, detained last Friday near a military camp in the troubled northern town of Jaffna.

The Britons, Nicholas Coleridge and Michael Zalanches, and a German journalist, Peter Evelyn Jouvenal, had obtained accreditation. State radio said 58 separatist guerrillas had been killed in north-eastern Sri Lanka.

Interpol change

Paris (Reuter) – A French police inspector, M André Bossard, has resigned as secretary-general of Interpol which is moving its headquarters to Lyons. Commander Raymoud Kendall, a former Scotland Yard detective, will be acting head until October.

Blaze rift

Manila (AP) – An impatient police colonel yesterday took charge of firefighting at the Regent of Manila hotel after all six fire engines operating ran out of fuel and could not spray water for hours. The death toll is put at 24.

Orphans die

Dhaka (AP) – Twenty orphans attending a feast in northern Bangladesh to mark a religious ceremony on the 40th day after the death of one of their teachers have died from food poisoning. Another 50 are ill.

Mountain flight

Buenos Aires, (Reuter) – A French Air Force captain, has leapt off Aconcagua, at 23,035 ft South America's tallest mountain, in a paraglider. His unpowered flight lasted 25 minutes. The height of the staging area was not given.

Lange backed

Wellington, (Reuter) – Nearly 2,000 anti-nuclear protesters massed outside Parliament yesterday to support the Labour Government's ban on nuclear warships visiting New Zealand's ports.

Tanker hit

Bahrain (Reuter) – A crewman was killed and three others injured in an Iraqi air attack on the Liberian-registered tanker Neptünia in the Gulf, the Iranian news agency Irna said yesterday.

Unwelcome face

Seoul (AFP) – South Korean authorities have banned the latest issue of *Newsweek* magazine because it has a photograph of the dissident leader, Mr Kim Dae Jung, on its cover, sources said here.

Curfew cut

Noumea, (Reuter) – France's special envoy in New Caledonia, M Edgard Pisani, has cut by two hours an overnight curfew imposed on the island after violence.

Fire kills 3

Grez-Boiceau, Belgium (AP) – Three elderly women died when fire swept through part of a retirement home here. The victims ranged in age from 83 to 90.

Power saving

Khartoum, (AFP)–Sudan's President Nimeiry has ordered markets and shopping centres to close each evening to save electricity.

Death plunge

Rome AP – An unidentified woman aged between 35 and 40 fell to her death from the roof of St Peter's Bascilica yesterday in what Vatican officials said was an apparent suicide.

Hookah havoc

Cairo (Reuter) – A farmer trying to light his hookah set fire to a heap of dried straw at a village 95 miles north-west of here and started a blaze in which two people were killed, 24 injured and 180 houses destroyed. The farmer was unhurt.

Finns reassure visitors over polio outbreak

From Alan McGregor
Geneva

Finland does not forsee any need for travel restrictions or compulsory vaccination of visitors because of its polio outbreak, caused by a mutant virus.

Dr Tapani Hovi of the Finnish public health department, said yesterday that there was no evidence that the new strain discovered in the polio 3 virus was resistant ot the vaccine being used in a special nationwide immunization campaign.

He was at a conference called at the World Health Organization headquarters, attended by experts from the United States, Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

Soviet proposal on troop cuts raises US hopes

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The United States yesterday expressed the hope that the latest Soviet proposal at the Vienna talks on troop reductions in Europe replected a willingness to re-establish serious dialogue, which had been absent since Nato modified its position in April, 1984.

The Soviet Union on Thursday sought to break the deadlock at the 11-year-old negotiations on mutual and balanced force reductions (MBFR) in Central Europe. It proposed that in the first phase the US should withdraw 13,000 troops, while the Soviet Union would reduce its forces by 20,000 within a year of an agreement being reached.

The Russian move comes shortly before the two superpowers begin their talks in Geneva on nuclear missiles and space arms control on March 12 and is aimed at building trust and a better climate in East-West relations.

Both Nato and Warsaw Pact countries have proposed larger withdrawals from Central Europe in later stages. Under the latest Soviet proposal the Warsaw Pact forces would be cut-back to 900,000 men on each side, including 700,000 infantry. Half the Warsaw Pact reduction would consist of Soviet troops.

The Nato countries had proposed earlier that in the first stage the US withdraw 13,000 soldiers and the Soviet Union take out 30,000.

MEPs block golden handshakes

Brussels – The European Parliament has blocked immediate payment of £1.77 million in golden handshakes to the 11 European commissioners who retired at the start of this year (Ian Murray writes).

Member states had asked Parliament to release the money, even though the Community has no budget yet for this year, to honour the pay-off agreement.

But Parliament, by 270 votes with none against, only agreed to release a total of £321,000. The Budget Commissioner, Mr Henning Christophersen, said this would be enough to meet commitments until June. There would then have to be a new request for further funding if the Community still had no budget.

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THE ARTS

Concert

London Sinfonietta Voices/Howarth

St John's

Even by the London Sinfonietta's standards this was an extraordinary concert, with two world premieres and a range that embraced every conceivable genre bar opera and indoor bowls. There was a piece for six singers by Simon Bainbridge, a classic of electronic music in the many shapes of Birtwistle's *Chronometer* ticking overhead, a zippy step into the musical theatre of Mauricio Kagel, and finally, which was where the Sinfonietta came in, an orchestral piece by Xenakis.

The Bainbridge piece is a modern madrigal placed on a glistening summit of ancient harmony. Called simply *A Cappella*, it begins with the mouthing of overtones, spreading upwards from the bass to a pair of sopranos, who then lead the light-filled progress through a short poem by Rilke on the nature of music as "transformation of feelings into audible landscape". The rapture and purity of this vision are beautifully retained, and the work was handled with deserving care and attention by the London Sinfonietta Voices, who later came back voiceless and masked as identical dummies to show their paces in Kagel's *Pas de cinq* for noisy walkers.

If this piece does not survive repeat acquaintance too well – it has been about a fair bit recently in the repertory of Northern Music Theatre – then the playing of *Chronometer* was a revelation. I thought I knew this work from the recording, but the eight-channel version here presented by John Whiting cleared up the counterpoint of clocks and showed how many of them come with their own reverberations, suggesting distant choirs, organs or brass bands. The music became essential Birtwistle.

Thallein, at the end was essential Xanakis: raw, noisy and invigorating. As the title suggest, this is sprouting music, and ideas sprout from the past quite as readily as they do from within the piece.

However, Xenakis's own hectic energy and his enjoyment of rich, complex sounds are everywhere apparent, whether in the rush of the whole ensemble down into what sound like gong resonances or in gentler moments scored almost Tippett-fashion. Elgar Howarth conducted an exuberant account of what must become one of the Sinfonietta's party pieces.

Paul Griffiths

London debut

The British harpist, Vanessa McKeand, began her Purcell Room recital as if determined to prove that her instrument was not created just for angels and "young ladies". Throughout miniatures by Salzedo, Ann Griffiths, Respighi and Rota, also a sonata by Dussek, she projected her ideas forcefully and vividly, with fingers obviously trained to a high degree of fluency though not yet accident-proof (or were the lapses those of memory?).

But either because she herself was more relaxed, or because in her second half she moved on to finer-grained French soil, suddenly she seemed to transform herself from an avid young scholarship-winner into a beguiling artist. The Paris-domiciled Krumpholz's "Sonata dans la style pathetique" brought the first manifestations of a more fluidly seductive lyricism, and a transcription of Debussy's first keyboard Arabesque confirmed it.

Joan Chissell

Opera

A razor-sharp update of Rossini



A close shave: Figaro (Russell Smythe) and Doctor Bartolo (Donald Adams).

Il barbiere di Silviglia

Royal, Glasgow

Like any farce, *The Barber of Seville* is concerned with action on the stage, not action about life, and so I see no objection to Robert David MacDonald's *considerable additions to the* action in his new production for Scottish Opera. The test must be not whether such business points out dramatic truthfulness, but whether it enhances the fun, and of that there can be no doubt.

Mr MacDonald updates the opera to the 1950s which allows *him* to wheel on a German tourist with his accoutrements of lederhosen, camera, guide book and map, a dazed Harpo Marx-like character left over from the grotesque serenade orchestra of the opening, a couple of jiving teenagers, a frantic mother with two small children, and a splendid plastic *whore decked out in the* production's colours of creme de menthe and shocking pink. The objection to this crew might be that they distract attention from the main plot, but really one would have to be pretty slow to miss the mechanics of Rossini comedy. Rather Mr MacDonald's production provides a highly entertaining framework within which outrageous, amusing and sexy things can seem entirely plausible, indeed inevitable.

The new period and the new excess also have their benefits within the central argument. In particular Berta is a magnificently awful creature as she is bravely sung and acted by Ludmilla Andrew: a slattern of a maid rarely seen without a bottle and singing a good bit of her part while holding a cigarette in her mouth. Miss Andrew robustly bawls and mumbles the role in character, and I cannot think much of musical value is lost, any more than it is when Patrick Power performs another feat in lisping his lines when in priestly disguise.

Elsewhere Mr Power is a very appealing Count, fruitily lyrical and true. He is well partnered by Russell Smythe's Figaro who sings with great panache and fits the part as well as he does his sharp silver suit for the first act. Zehava Gal as Rosina looks and sounds the part too: she is sensual but clear headed and controlled, proud but kind hearted. The only thing that fails to please in her performance is a harshness whenever she sings loudly or high.

Donald Adams does his buffo bit as Doctor Bartolo but has some difficulty in negotiating the faster patter, and Geoffrey Moses offers a Don Basilio who looks like a shabby hat stand and yet sings with sepulchral authority.

The vivacity of the production is well held in place by Sue Blane's set, which presents a corner of old Seville that neatly slides apart to open up a patio for the interior scenes, besides providing alleyways and *balconies for the extras who* throng about. There is also strong support from Sir Alexander Gibson in the pit. The orchestra is dextrous in the overture and storm interlude, and they tactfully withdraw otherwise to play accompaniments that mimic and elicit the sharply characterized vocal mannerisms that Rossini imposes and this cast generally fulfil.

Paul Griffiths

Theatre

John/The Double Boys

Oval House

The much-publicized relationship of Una, Lady Troubridge with the novelist Radclyffe Hall was the love that insisted on speaking – on *shouting* – its name. As the first overt inverts of the English lesbian tradition, they set a standard of stylized unconventionality which mirrored that other enclosed hall of mirrors, male homosexuality. This is a camp theme and the all-woman *Hard Corps* company have given it an engagingly camp treatment which only occasionally drifts into candyfloss. Sarah McNair plays Radclyffe, the "John" of the title, as a manish pre-war headmistress straight from the pages of *Artemis* magazine: brisk, resolute, not unsportive, a little resigned in the face of the biological swizz that prevents her giving Una a baby. The younger partner, "Squiggy" in pet language, is personated by the play's author Adele Saleem, a highly accomplished parodist who also does a virtuoso turn as the spiritualist helping Radclyffe "reach" a former lover.

Meanwhile, upstairs at Oval House, another inseparable twosome are memorialized in *The Double Boys*, a dramatized biography of the original Siamese Twins Chang and Eng. These genetic curiosities were taken to America to be exhibited as freaks in the 1820s. Marrying the daughters of a rich Quaker, they became gentleman farmers (and slave owners) and fathered 21 children between them. The medical, legal and even spiritual problems posed by their condition remain a great fascination, but the task of doing it justice proves too much *for David Annan and Judith* Owen who share 28 roles in a breathlessly expositional script

Martin Cropper

Jazz

Getting the message with sax appeal

Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers

Ronnie Scott's

The last shall be first, eventually, and the musician who was the undoubted weakness of Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers when they visited Ronnie Scott's Club two years ago now seems on the verge of becoming its creative focus. That is the speed at which young musicians are propelled by maturity in the academy of jazz over which the indestructible Blakey has presided for more than three decades.

Back in the early weeks of 1983, Jean Toussaint, a tall young tenor saxophonist from the Virgin Islands, whose dark suits and large spectacles lend him a discreet, professorial air, seemed thoroughly disoriented by the rarified atmosphere into which he had been thrust.

That turns out to have been, as it were, Toussaint's overture. When the Messengers opened a fortnight's season on Frith Street this week, it was his light that sometimes cast Blanchard and Harrison into the shadows. Like practically every young tenor-player since John Coltrane and Wayne Shorter, Toussaint has fast fingers and a rather gaunt tone, but the elements of his style – among which asymmetrical phrasing and a powerful sense of swing are paramount – bear the marks of no overriding influence. On more than one occasion, as when he drove the temperature up during a blues solo, stoked by the leader's clamorous cymbals and by an urgent background riff spontaneously invented between Harrison and Blanchard, the house was moved to cheers.

As for his colleagues in the front line, perhaps their stint with Blakey is drawing to a close. Both are remarkable musicians, but Blanchard's choruses are now so promiscuously strewn with technical extravagance and Harrison's so crammed with musicianly jokes (for much of the time he sounds like a cross between Eric Dolphy and Earl Bostic) that they no longer seem to be responding to the spur of a challenging environment.

By Blakey's recent standards, these Messengers have developed a very informal collective style, a trend encouraged by the rhythmic flexibility of the new bassist, Lonnie Plaxico, a gifted technician who might benefit from a bit of the more traditional discipline imparted by the straighter approach of his predecessor, Charles Fambrough. Such an observation, of course, should be taken in the context of an institution whose ability not merely to survive but to flourish and inspire is, in jazz terms, miraculous.

Richard Williams

Television

Drowned at birth

The Cosby Show, a new comedy for black actors - and presumably also for a black audience - began its first screening on Channel 4 last night.

It is a formula American situation comedy, taped in front of a supposedly live audience who are held powerless for half an hour, and probably treated with quantities of nitrous oxide to help them to sound appropriately amused.

The source of the comedy is purported to be the four cute kids forming the majority of the household headed by comic actor Bill Cosby.

Our hero, a hard working obstetrician, staggered home from a hard day on the wards to discover that the goldfish belonging to his youngest daughter is dead. The rest of the action derives from the attempts of this concerned middle-class parent to protect his child from the trauma of the pet's death.

When the think tanks which produced this genre of comedy make the hero an obstetrician you know they anticipate being short of laughs. The trouble with the *Cosby Show* is its *raison d'etre* is obviously to present educated, affluent role models to the black audience in America. Unfortunately this alone was not enough to provoke an outburst of humour.

Lest we should miss the message this was a crucially upmarket black household. There was a considerable quantity of antique-style mahogany on the set, both adults discuss their professions in laborious detail, and the entire family referred to the bathroom as the powder room.

Since Channel 4 addressed itself specifically to Britain's black audience, some fine comedies have been produced. Perhaps the time and money devoted to this American import might have been better expended on a repeat run of *No Problem*.

Celia Brayfield

Radio

A Greek tragedy

There is some satisfaction just in seeing Sophocles's three **Theban Plays** billed in *Radio Times*. Here is Radio 3 doing what Radio 3 ought to do, putting out one of the world's perennial classics and doing it in some style, with an up to date translation, original music and a rather interesting cast.

And yet when I look back on a good many years' actual experience of productions, for example, of the works of Aeschylus, Euripides, Aristophanes – the memory is more of witnessing a duty nobly done than of any substantial pleasure and benefit. A reason for this was, I think, brought home to me by a visit to the National Theatre's *Oresteia* where I was reminded of the enormous importance of visual elements in these plays – the relation of actor to setting, movement or its absence, a sense of ritual, the presence of an audience. Radio, with all its appeal to the imagination, really cannot compensate for these. Whatever it does is bound to be a bit impoverished, and the question is how it can succeed in making the best of the material.

I found myself very much aware of a gap between reach and objective in the first play of the trilogy, **Oedipus the King** (February 3; director, as for all three plays, David Spenser). Although Robert Fagle's translation was plainly more supple, a little more colloquial and a great deal less heavily poetic than the version I have by me (E. F. Watling, Penguin), it also seemed of rather small stature: short in particular of really arresting phrase and sequence. The actors – Tim Pigott-Smith, Sian Phillips, Patrick Stewart and Robert Eddison – sounded as if they were unable to lift their lines and get them flowing, an unsuccessful struggle that was most noticeable in Mr Pigott-Smith's Oedipus.

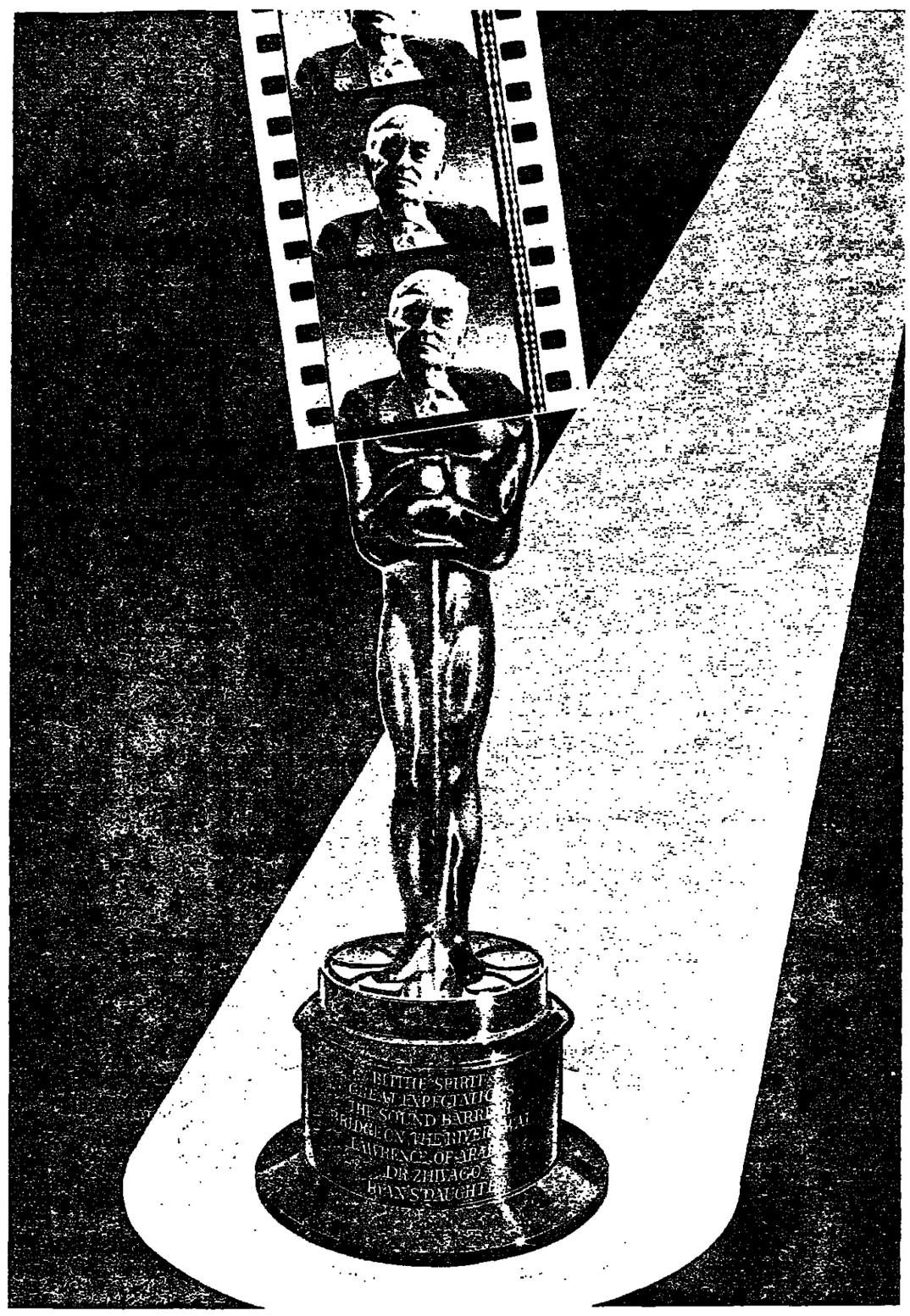
After this, I didn't expect much of ***Oedipus at Colonus*** (February 10), but whether because I had come to terms with what was actually on offer or because the offer was a better one, this provided an absorbing two hours. Perhaps it is a play better suited to radio – stiller, more reflective, more mysterious.

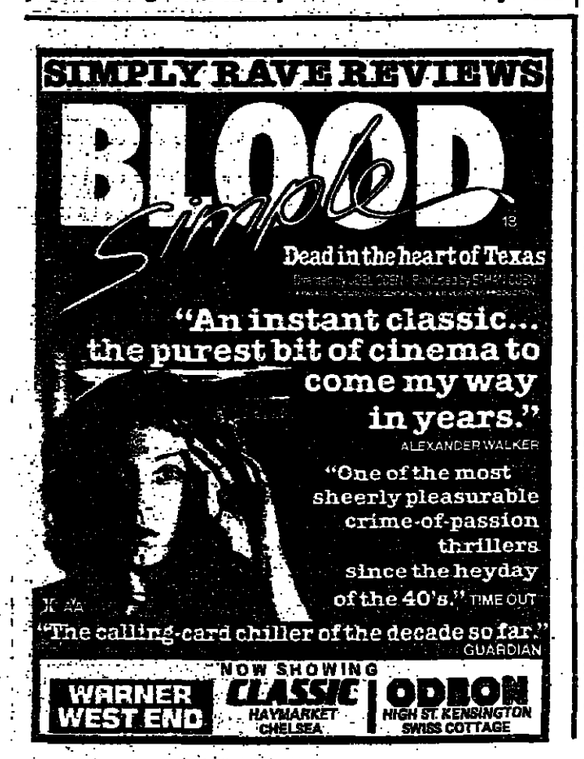
Quite certainly Tim Pigott-Smith was like a different actor when playing the old blinded giant that Oedipus has become. The touch of strain, even of querulousness, that was present in him as the King had vanished. This was a performance of some magnificence to which Nicky Henson's strong, decisive Theseus made an excellent partner. Lucy Gutteridge was a girlish Antigone, a role which she continues in a third play tomorrow night. It will be interesting to see if she can produce the steel needed for her defiance of Creon.

Listening to **Other Men's Flowers** (Radio 4, February 10; producer Martin Dillon) I was reminded of another tragic figure of classical legend: Achilles, fighting man to the point of genius, sitting idle and fretting by his tents. This programme, admirably compiled and introduced by Roy Bradford, told the story of a man from the same mould, Lt-Colonel "Paddy" Blair Mayne, DSO and three bars. International rugby forward, expert boxer, founder member of the SAS, this Ulsterman was one who, more than any I have heard of, found his being in war. His exploits were extraordinary; he seemed to be without fear and, like the Greek hero, to have a shield of indestructibility around him.

He was a man of action to a fault: if another did something he disliked, and obscene language was one of his bugbears, he would hit him. Unfortunately for his career, and probably for the hopes of the VC he undoubtedly deserved, he settled an argument with his CO by hitting him as well. A habit of heavy drinking did nothing to moderate his behaviour in this respect. Yet he was a lover of poetry and music who dropped into France with a small portable gramophone strapped to his leg. At the same time he was a lonely man who found personal relationships difficult, particularly with women whom he shunned. Peacetime found his real Achilles heel: he did not know what to do without a war. Perhaps it was a blessing that by 1955 a fatal motor crash had solved the problem for him.

David Wade





SPORTING DIARY

Simon Barnes

Gilt-edged blues

When is a Blue not a Blue? The fluctuating status of many sports in Oxford-Cambridge competition, and the fraudulent claims of many pseudo-sportsmen, have made this a problematical question. But now the Oxford women's Blues Committee has decided to wipe out the grey area – by awarding certificates to Blues and half-Blues. The procedure would have scuppered the pretentions of Roger Hollis, the alleged M15 mole, who claimed an Oxford golfing Blue, and would have guaranteed an early exposure of a certain American journalist who recently lost credibility when it was discovered that his claim to a Cambridge rowing Blue was not based on fact.

It would also put an end to disbelief about the award of a half-Blue for ballroom dancing. Men used to get no recognition for their efforts in this strenuous area of competition, but the men's Blues committee finally relented a couple of years ago and permitted dancers a half-Blue. Rugby League players can also be awarded a half-Blue: they say they should be able to collect the full award, but some Rugby Union chaps think they are not entitled even to that. Observers see little chance of the men following the women's lead in the matter of awarding certificates. Let chaos and falsehood reign: the true blue knows the truth in his heart.

● **The Oxford and Cambridge boat race crews will row the 28 miles from Cambridge to Ely and back on March 9, hoping to raise through commercial and individual sponsorship £1,000 a mile for Ethiopian famine relief.**

Local derby

Telford, the non-league Shropshire side who play first division Everton in the fifth round of the FA Cup today, did not spend the night in a Liverpool hotel. There was no point. "All they have to do to get to the Everton ground is fall out of bed," said their manager, Stan Storton. Six of his first team players live on Merseyside: so does his assistant manager, and so does Storton. One Telford player, Ken McKenna, even has tattooed on his arm the words "Everton forever".

Gallantry lives

Vitas Gerulaitis and Bobby Riggs have challenged Martina Navratilova and Pam Schreiber to play a tennis match for half a million dollars. Riggs, aged 67, beaten in 1973 by Billie-Jean King, said, pleasantly: "I think we will kill them and put women's tennis back 20 years."

Ostpolitik

When West German soldier Markus Wasmaier won the world giant slalom championship at Bormio in Italy, the organizers of the event did him proud. They played the *East* German national anthem at the presentation ceremony. The music was snatched off in midbar and the Bormio town band enterprisingly struck up the right anthem. An official explained: "We have a tape with the East German anthem on one side and the West German on the other."

Lifetime event

The tragic news is that Virginia Holgate, the three-day eventer, is to marry in October. Miss Holgate, possibly the only woman ever to have a pair of Union Jack shorts interviewed on television by Raymond Brookes-Ward, will marry Hamish Leng, an investment consultant.

● **National Hunt trainer Jenny Pitman has been complaining that her horses are being asked to carry too much weight. A firm believer in leading from the front, she has lost a stone herself by following jockey Charlie Mann's herbal diet.**

Striping up

More about national anthems: Carl Lewis, the quadruple gold-medal sprinter, made a spirited bid to reclaim the hearts and minds of the American public when the recording of the Star Spangled Banner failed at an indoor meeting last week. Lewis, who was booed by a crowd a fortnight ago, broke the silence by starting the anthem himself. The crowd joined in, applauded wildly, and everybody got jolly American about it all. "I have taken a few singing lessons and I plan to take a few more", Lewis said afterwards. When he gave up athletics, he added, he hoped to become an actor.

BARRY FANTONI



"Typical of you never to come across any secret documents you feel compelled to leak."

David Walker looks beyond the Old Bailey verdict to a morale on the wane

Ponting: a sign of Whitehall's growing malaise



Armstrong: worried



Plowden: warning

"Ponting", said a civil servant in a department with an ethos and function far removed from the Ministry of Defence, "has been a great morale booster."

This man, of the same rank as Clive Ponting, went on: "It's not that anyone condones his action, in fact we tend to think he's been rather unprofessional. But there's an unmistakable sense round here of one in the eye for the Government, and people have gloated."

The sentiment is ugly. Once, perhaps still, the major offence against the civil servant's own code was to embarrass his minister. Now officials are revelling in it. Since Ponting's acquittal there has been a good deal of wild talk about a "crisis" of Civil Service morale: some say low morale was a precondition for the Ponting affair: others say morale will be further lowered by the Government's likely response, for example in trying to tighten confidentiality rules.

But is there such a crisis? "Morale is lower than I have ever known it in the past 20 years," said one official in the Department of Health and Social Security. The words "morale is at an all-time low" figured prominently in the recent pay submission of the Association of Inspectors of Taxes. A refugee from the Department of the Environment speaks of it "seething with restlessness."

Even Sir Robert Armstrong, Cabinet Secretary and titular head of the Civil Service, this week conceded to a modicum of "worry" over the reasons for present trends in recruitment and retention of the ablest people.

Scratch a civil service union activist and a list of grievances spills out, headed by pay. Without doubt it is widely believed in Whitehall that the administrative class – all those civil servants who qualify for the rather misleading adjective of senior – considers itself hard done by, especially in comparison with the private sector, where salaries are said to be up to 30 per cent higher.

It is not just money. The 14 per cent reduction in civil service numbers since 1979 has narrowed career prospects: some officials are now virtually immobile, and they don't like it.

There is certainly evidence that the ability of the Civil Service to take its usual share of Oxbridge graduates has declined. On the criteria of merit applied by the Civil Service Commission, it has been unable to fill all the vacancies for the administration trainee scheme, the inspectorate of taxes or other openings.

Yet "morale" seems to have as much to do with symbols and perceptions as financial fact. Among the trade union-minded the GCHQ affair still rankles – another indication, they say, of this government's attitude towards its servants. Anti-public service rhetoric from ministers (heard less often nowadays) has stored up and festered.

In one department there is an impression that "honest advice" is no longer welcome; in another, a belief that only "true believers" need apply for the top jobs. "At the top of the office they have stopped questioning ministerial policies, stopped arguing the toss."

William Plowden, director general of the Royal Institute of Public Administration, speaks as a surrogate for the upper mandarinate in these matters. In a recent lecture he mentioned "concern at the numerous anecdotes current about officials who believe that if they offer uncongenial advice to ministers they will be at best ignored, at worst penalized."

But this, it has to be said, is all rather inchoate, like the talk of officials "no longer prepared to take work home or stay in their offices till the middle of the night". Such talk, says John Ward of the First Division Association, which represents the administrators, ignores the enduring loyalty – unaffected by Ponting – of civil servants and their cardinal notion of professionalism.

Morale, he says, is a word he will not use, but other Civil Service union negotiators are less scrupulous. Isn't "low morale" merely a bargaining chip in the 1985 pay round, shaping up as another unedifying battle between the Treasury's 3 per cent and a claim for 15 per cent?

Generalizations about Civil Service morale must ignore the diversity of Whitehall, that congeries of government offices that takes in, for example, the Liverpool regional office of the Department of the Environment; there the adrenalin is running high at the prospect of direct rule of the city. In the Cabinet office and the efficiency unit there are officials whose enthusiasm for the Government's managerial strategy is unalloyed.

"Sensitive management" may sound wet but it is the one ingredient often missing. Civil servants and outside observers broadly sympathetic to the cultural revolution being fomented within Whitehall by Mrs Thatcher's government (a revolution involving fewer numbers, better management and a politicization of Whitehall's upper reaches) agree that personnel management is not one of her strong points. Morale, therefore, is unlikely to interest her.

Some ministers evidently think "morale" is merely a cover for the reluctance of the public service to adapt to the sometimes painful circumstances of the 1980s; that, like teachers, civil servants have to accept that the days of an increasing clientele and jobs are gone for ever.

Some ministers, however, have not worked through the paradox in which they simultaneously have to downgrade and slim the public sector of employment while ensuring that the machinery of state is well oiled and efficient. When he was still around Lord Rayner provided wise counsel.

One of his young men remembers Lord Rayner rejecting grand talk about morale but recalling that at Marks and Spencer he made sure he saw figures from the various stores of absenteeism and sickness. If they were up and there was not a flu epidemic, something was wrong.

The Civil Service is not Marks and Spencer and there is no central unit to collect such figures. But it would be an interesting exercise.

This is the testimony of a deputy secretary in one of the grander departments of state, a man not prone to exaggerate: "In this department there are areas of immense pressure because of workload and staff reductions. There's low morale. I'm aware of a higher degree of stress, illness and sick leave than in the past."

In his lecture William Plowden talked about problems of leadership within the Civil Service, of the failure of Whitehall's senior managers, including ministers, to see that there are issues of spirit, drive, or morale. The newly formed Joint Management Unit run by the Cabinet Office and Treasury could usefully submit a paper to the PM on morale (to be published, please).

Clive Ponting has precipitated no crisis: in some departments the verdict produced little reaction. But for some civil servants the Ponting affair will add to a sense of grievance which no effective manager, public or private, should tolerate for long.

Paul Vallely

Fear, Ethiopia's new disease

Addis Ababa

To watch a man or woman dying of cholera is an awful and haunting experience. When the patient is attached to an intravenous drip as much as 20 litres of rehydrating fluid can spew in a single day through a body gripped by the deadly cholera vibrium. Once they have worked with the contagion, doctors say diagnosis is instinctive but unmistakable: they talk of cholera eyes and a cholera stench, which once smelt is never forgotten.

In a people wracked, as are the starving Ethiopians by shigellosis, amoebic dysentery and all manner of diarrhoea killers which are best treated by swift rehydrative techniques, it may seem academic to want to pin a specific diagnosis on such a plague. Informed members of staff in several UN agencies are full of examples of governments in many parts of the world which have suppressed the news of cholera epidemics. This defiant on the duty to report to the World Health Organization is caused by fear that reports of such a notifiable disease would jeopardise exports, and lead to a virtual quarantine of their nation. There are even hints of complicity by local WHO officials in such cover-ups.

Where attempts to cover news of cholera go hand in hand with effective moves to combat the outbreak there is, perhaps, some defence in adopting such a position. But too often fear of admitting the true nature of the problem is transformed into fear of taking action against the disease, lest action be interpreted as a form of acknowledgement.

In a police state like Ethiopia, fear is one of the threads which is woven throughout the entire social fabric. The people fear the officials, the officials fear the security police and the security police fear the politburo. Even within the cabinet there is reported to be a constant circling of the wary. Comrade Colonel Mengistu has his hardline critics and it is commonly rumoured that the expulsion of two Russian advisers, one of them a very senior diplomat, last year was connected with a plot to oust Mengistu and replace him with the more pro-Soviet number three, Feseha Desta.

Over the past three months a new element has entered into this pyramid of suspicion. To mark the tenth anniversary of the revolution the Workers Party of Ethiopia was formed. The move came after considerable pressure from Moscow, for Mengistu himself was understood to be content with the "organization to build a Workers Party", which he had founded with the intention of forming the actual party halfway through the recently launched 10-year plan. The creation of the new party has dramatically affected the work of the famine relief programme.

Commentators in the West who maintain that the causes of the current famine lie chiefly in the ideology of socialist central planning can have no idea of the enormity of the natural problems which beset this country. From Addis Ababa it is possible to drive north for nine hours and see nothing but parched land, dried-out rivers and thousands of square miles of bleak and unyielding terrain. Logistical difficulties involved in importing and distributing food sufficient to compensate for the vastness of the blow which nature has dealt are gargantuan; and yet relief workers and UN officials here are unstinting in their praise for the efficiency with which the Ethiopian government's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission has squared up to the problem. As an effective organization it has few rivals in the entire continent, they feel. But the growing influence of the party is slowly altering all that.

Marxist cadres are now distributed throughout the country. Every office, organization and even classroom has its official party informer. They bring with them fear, and it is a paralyzing force. Where once RRC officials made immediate and on the whole pragmatic decisions, there is now the local party official to be considered. Often it seems that no decision is taken for fear of it being, in the party's eyes, the wrong one. Political priorities have come to supercede humanitarian ones. It was always so in the capital, perhaps, but now the attitude is spreading to the fields. Expatriate relief officials have noted a new diffidence among their Ethiopian field staff and the sense of dread has spread throughout many non-governmental organizations.

Nowhere is this more clear than in the attitude taken towards the disease which continues to spread through the refugee camps. The League of Red Cross Societies withdrew a team of German doctors from a camp at Assyta after they had dared to report to Red Cross headquarters in Geneva – despite the official disapproval of the government – that their patients were dying of cholera. Other relief agencies were afraid to commit themselves publicly for fear of jeopardizing their work among the starving, and even, in some cases, risking possible imprisonment for their Ethiopian staff. A government health officer in southern Shoa was refused the intravenous units and fluids he requested. He was told there was no cholera in his district by his superiors in Addis Ababa who did not want to pass the unwelcome intelligence on to their political masters.

In such cases the fear of disapproval, of chastisement or worse is more endemic than any physical disease could ever be. In relief circles in Addis Ababa today there is a curious kind of gratitude that the latest outbreak of the disease which the government dares not name has come in a World Vision feeding centre.

World Vision is an international charity with its roots in the rich evangelical communities of America and is probably the largest non-governmental organization working today in Ethiopia. This year it manages a budget of more than $50 million for this one country with all the streamlined efficiency of a US multinational. It probably has the capital and the resources to conduct the kind of tests which could make an incontrovertible pronouncement on the exact nature of the epidemic.

Fear of that eventuality may force the Ethiopian government to release the results of the tests promised to the World Health Organization more than three weeks ago, still unpublished. That fear should be the motive would, in the circumstances, seem peculiarly apt.

Bernard Levin: the way we live now

Guilty until pronounced guilty

(Yesterday we left our hero bound hand and foot in the cellar of the National Union of Journalists as the water rose around him. Accused of "conduct detrimental to the profession of journalism" for expressing views unacceptable to the far-left faction in the union, I was arraigned before my own branch which, by most ingenious methods, managed to deny me the right to speak in my own defence. The case was then due to go to the union's National Executive Committee, which alone can decide whether a member should have his epaulettes ripped off while the band plays the Dead March.)

I decided against legal action: instead, I got in touch with the union's general secretary, explained what had happened, and asked him to direct my branch to hold a fresh hearing at which I could be present. He assured me that if I put my case against what had happened in the form of an appeal against the branch's findings of a prima facie case to go before the national executive, he would see that a new hearing was indeed held.

He meant it, too, but when the matter was handed over to the official who directs the complaints procedure I was told that there is no method by which a complaint can be reheard. (Only afterwards did I discover that in an earlier, equally bogus, complaint case a rehearing had indeed been ordered.)

By this time, I thought I might as well go ahead with the appeal. Before the NEC committee which heard it I made clear that I would be arguing it only on procedural grounds – the irregularities and improprieties which had led to the denial of my right of defence in person – but that I made no admission on the substance of the complaint; I asked for, and received from the appeal committee, an assurance that my position, thus defined, would be included in their findings.

That undertaking the appeal committee (which of course rejected my appeal) broke; no mention of my statement appeared in the findings, which in addition included what I am obliged to descibe without circumlocution as a plain lie (I can, of course, give chapter and verse for this serious charge). When I protested, I was told that the committee flatly refused to amend its findings.

The appeal against the findings of a prima facie case having failed, the next stage was a hearing before another NEC committee, which would decide whether an offence against the NUJ rule-book and/or The Thoughts of Chairman Mao had been committed; the committee would then report its findings to the NEC, which has to uphold or vary the committee's decision. Even if you have followed me so far, you will scarcely believe that, by further breaches of the rules, I was denied a hearing before the second NEC committee too.

The rules say that the NEC's decision must be made within six months of the branch findings; the six months would have run out on March 1. Imagine my surprise – or lack of it, rather – when the only dates given to me for the hearing were in January when, as I had told them, I would again be abroad. On inquiry, I discovered that they had arbitrarily decided (there is no authority anywhere in the rules) to change the six months time-allowance to *five* months; the excuse was that no NEC meeting was scheduled for February, and they refused to call an extra one in the interests of justice because (or so they claimed) it might cost as much as £1,000. This is an organization which has so far given to the striking miners some £20,000 of the members' money – without asking the members' permission, of course – and is now planning to spend *at least* £50,000 to set up an "Ethics Council", the only practical purpose of which will be to inhibit still further the right of journalists to write as they please.

As a protest against this outrageous behaviour I declined the suggestion that I should send a written statement of my case; I was anyway confident that with or without it I would be found "guilty".

So I was; Messrs Keogh and Hanna of the NEC formed the committee (at the earlier hearing I had been told that although proper practice required a committee of *three*, it could be two if both parties agreed – I had not, of course, given any such agreement for the hearing at which I could not be present), and their findings were than ratified by the whole NEC.

The level at which the committee



of two worked may be gauged by one or two examples of the things they singled out for criticism. I had, for instance, written of Miss Bachini, who had started the whole thing with her absurd complaint against an article in *The Sun*, that she had claimed to be upset by the "glances" of a man "sitting opposite" in a train; no, they said, these were no glances – he had "looked her up and down". Nor, they added, was he sitting opposite her; he was standing up, near her.

On such grounds, which could be described as making a clear selection, from the available evidence, of those aspects which suited the case being argued, while ignoring other evidence which diminished the argument, I was found "guilty" and "reprimanded". I have to say that someone so acute as Mr Hanna (of Mr Keogh I know nothing, except his political position) would, in other circumstances, have justifiably criticised a journalist who behaved like that; put simply, the "judgement" was a cheap, shoddy piece of work, revealing much about Keogh's and Hanna's attitude to tolerance and more about their methods.

Now what is all this nonsense really about? Why should grown men and women waste even five minutes, let alone many hours, on consideration of the ridiculous Miss Bachini and the even more ridiculous Michael Ann Mullen? To be "reprimanded" by people I despise is no great hardship; why have even I dwelt at such length on so trivial a matter? Because of what lies behind it, which is by no means trivial. What the far left in the NUJ is after is *control* – not just of the union but of what journalists in this country may write. A combination of closed shops for journalists and the intimidation of members by such proceedings as I have described, would bring the left faction their longed-for prize: censorship of views they disapprove of. For the closed shop would make journalists think twice and thrice about expressing such views if they thus risked expulsion and possible loss of their livelihoods; and the union's "Code of Conduct" gives rich opportunity for the censorship. (And we shall look in vain for any resistance to this process from the union's paper, *The Journalist*; my recent advocacy, in the election for its editor, was wholly in vain, for the left faction won, on a shamefully low poll – fewer than 5,000 out of more than 30,000.)

You may say that my fears, though not imaginary, are in practice most unlikely to be realized. You would be wrong; they have *already* been realized, in the case of Mr Frank Dunkley, a journalist of views too right-wing to be acceptable to the left. He was arraigned under the provisions of the Code of Conduct, found "guilty", fined £200, and told that if he did not pay he would be expelled from the union. He thereupon gave up the regular column he had been writing because, as he said, he could not go on facing "the worry of possible complaints committee hearings".

My readers may be assured (if that is the right word) that I am very unlikely to give up my column for that reason. But some journalists are more thin-skinned, or in a more precarious position, than I; seeing me judged "guilty" they may well start to avoid writing in a way that may bring such complaints against them, in which case the left will have advanced towards its object without needing to take any further action. And that, in the end, is why I have devoted so much space to a matter which, if those who direct the fortunes of the National Union of Journalists were mindful of their true responsibilities, would not have deserved a dozen lines.

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Roy Strong

Making things as good as old

Every time the milk goes sour I rush into the garden and pour it over a phoney urn or obelisk to encourage the growth of moss and lichen and thus give the object the patina of age. One of the more curious phenomena of our era is this cult of antiquing artefacts, of artificially inducing the hand of Time. It is not one we apply to everything; a mighty industry is sustained to achieve exactly the opposite effect, for instance, in the case of the female face.

Reproduction furniture illustrates the point well. The really best sort has scratches and stains added to the surfaces and a mysterious person known as an artificial woodwormer pelts the pieces with shot, thus leaving phoney woodworm holes everywhere. Italy is the country where the manufacture of items conceived as old when new is a major industry. Any visitor to Florence is familiar with the acres of carved baroque gilt dulled down by a liberal application of a dirt mix.

Even pottery is wiped over to achieve the same effect. Recently I noticed a few deliberate chips. These tricks must be as old as tourism itself for everyone from the north went south to bring back something old. These modern souvenirs are lineal descendants of the fake antique sculpture produced for those on the Grand Tour.

Instant antiquity by means of deliberate damage and dirt thus has a long history. In the case of gardens it stems from the cult of ruins and the Renaissance desire to make the garden a place in which to evoke dreams of the vanished glories of Greece and Rome. On to this, in England, we can add the romantic obsession with Gothic ruins, be they real or phoney, in the eighteenth century. Tudor and Stuart gardens, in contrast, were monuments to glorious Technicolor as, each year, wooden posts bearing heraldic animals were gaudily painted and gilded. We have never returned to this way of looking at objects in a garden, instead pouring on the liquid manure and whatever else will induce age quickly.

On the whole we don't have the same criterion for our clothes. No one hastens a suit to bagginess and fraying at the cuffs to score an effect. That is permissible to a degree only with country clothes, which should never look new, and above all in those for work is the garden. Valerie Finnis, Lady Scott, a great gardener, had a hoard of old garden clothes so stiff with mud they almost stood up on their own.

When it comes to interiors our attitudes enter a complex of contradictions which would fill a volume. They are summed up, however, by an exchange between my wife and the chatelaine of a large country house. The latter had rushed across a room and surprisingly apologised for her curtains, to which the reply came: "You have waited fifty years for these to look so beautiful." They were of green velvet wth borders and great tassels mottled by decades of fading by the sun which, according to one's eye and viewpoint, either made them a work of infinite subtlety or just tattered old fabric that ought to be replaced.

Whether a particular thing ought to appear old or new, let alone whether it should be helped to look venerable, affects everything we look at. On the whole we never think about it but it is a subject which can cause deep divides and irrational conflicts. The case for cleaning or not cleaning pictures or buildings, for example, can be argued on scientific and historical grounds but the fundamental reaction depends entirely on two subjective rival ways of looking at the world around us. It is the areas of the battleground which are curious, for neither side would expect a car or a piece of kitchen equipment to look old or grubby.

The cult of the hand of Time was born of the discovery of a sense of the historic past which, in terms of human history, is a recent development. No one until that happened would have made head or tail of Crabbe's lines: "For time hath soften'd what was harsh when new, And the stains are all of sober hue." The consequences arising from this particular concept have bedevilled us ever since.

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Bon giorno, Roma

Small worlds: an occasional series on unlikely magazines

Gypsies, or more properly Roma as we shall henceforth describe them, are not by definition much given to the kind of small-worldish, centrally organized shenanigans that tend to feature in this column. They leave that to the *gadje*.

It is quite extraordinary how many people become obsessed for no obvious reason with the comings and goings of the travelling people. I suspect it's a bit like those people who devote their lives to Tolkien or the Dune novels, seduced by the charm of a civilization both surreal and familiar, layer upon layer of complexity guaranteed to bestow upon the diligent student a most delicious feeling of one-upmanship. Any minority, actual or invented, will do; the play's the thing, and a detailed knowledge of plot and character that is all but incomprehensible to outsiders. A club, in short, like any other, with the difference that those most truly devoted to it can never, ever belong.

Mr W. R. Rishi, aged 67, who edits, produces and mostly writes a half-yearly journal "on the life, language and culture of Roma" (the gypsies of Europe, the Americas, the USSR and so on), is one such obsessive. He discovered the wonderful world of Roma in the late 1960s when, as an Indian civil servant in Moscow, he escorted the late Mrs Gandhi to the celebrated Gypsy Theatre there.

He and his magazine *Roma* are now based in Chandigarh, where he pursues his contention that the Roma are in fact the lost tribe of India. In the most recent issue, which celebrates the second international Roma festival – held in Chandigarh, naturally – he receives some support from one Professor Piare Lal Sharma, MA, Advocate, Supreme Court, who notes that Mr Rishi's own Romani-Punjabi dictionary "clearly shows that about 75 per cent of the Romani language is taken from the Punjabi language".

Sharma obligingly translates a Punjabi/Romani song: "Oh, my husband's younger brother, go and get my goat grazed. I will not deprive you of your right." But there is more to it than that. "The love of world peace on both sides is the centripedal force which creates Roma's eternal affinity with India. . . . The Roma are the blooming flowers in the garden of humanity. They are the sweetest people on earth."

That is the English style of the magazine, most of whose recent issues seem to have coincided with the Roma festivals or congresses that seem to take place with alarming frequency. The fourth World Romani Congress is due this autumn, in Paris or Padua.

The third world congress was held in West Germany in 1981 and concentrated on the Holocaust. About 500,000 Roma were murdered by the Nazis, and the survivors have complained ever since that posterity has overlooked their suffering.

On a lighter note many of the ads seem to slip into that uniquely Indian eloquence towards which some of the more pretentious articles merely strive. A motel, for example, which seems to have undergone a spot of refurbishment: "Skylark spreads its wings! Portent for better days. The new-found love of Panipat is not the battles any more. Now it is banqueting and relaxing. The new wing now being added to the Skylark, with eight more rooms, a large restaurant and a well-equipped banquet hall will meet this need, just in time. Comforts of the morrow coming soon . . ."

Tony Samstag

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CHURCH v. STATE

To ask the House of Commons to consider the Appointment of Bishops Measure a second time in the knowledge that it was likely to be rejected a second time was a different proposition, the General Synod of the Church of England clearly thought, from offering the Measure a second time with a reasonable expectation that it would be passed. The first would precipitate confrontation; indeed Parliament itself would see it as inviting one. The second was the optimistic view taken by the synod's business managers: that the House of Commons had had its fling, and would now be sensible.

The synod's clarity of thought was considerably aided by the advice of two Members of Parliament, who are also synodsmen, Mr John Gummer, and Mr Frank Field. They supplied the adrenalin which, prior to execution, is said to concentrate the mind wonderfully. They also supplied the inside knowledge of the temper of the House which had hitherto been lacking. Parliamentarians may call each other "silly billy" but would not take kindly to being called that by the established church, they warned. So if there had to be a conflict between synod and Parliament over some Measure relating to the church's internal life, let it be a measured one. And let the issue be worth the fuss.

There is a collision of conventions involved in this recent interruption of the hitherto cooperative relationship between Synod and Commons. The convention, as the church wishes it to be, is that Parliament uses its residual power within narrow limits, vetoing a Measure only on grounds which fall within the competence and expertise of lay parliamentarians of diverse persuasions. The fate of the Appointment of Bishops Measure last July fell outside those margins, for most of the MPs who spoke had grievances not against the Measure itself but against the Church of England as they perceived it, objecting to its taste in liturgy and its taste in bishops. By convention as it has become established, the Measure should have gone through; therefore it should be offered a second time, for more conventional treatment.

The House of Commons, however, would expect a minister whose regulation had been defeated in the House to creep away and amend it, not to bring it back brazenly unaltered. The House of Commons expects occasionally that the House of Lords will defeat some scheme the Commons has blessed; and the convention is that only rarely, on major issues, will the Commons persist, while more often will it accept the other House's verdict. If the Government itself abides by this custom, the Church of England should be expected to do so too.

That is the argument as it would be seen from the other side of the road from Church House, the corridors of temporal power in the Palace of Westminster.

The general synod's retreat from the battlefield on this occasion does not alter the fact that there is considerably more friction between the temporal and spiritual departments of the English constitution than for more than a generation. The synod was more inclined to postpone the conflict than to abandon it. Other Measures will have to cross that Westminster road, in due course, to some of which more churchly passion will be attached than in this case. The House of Commons would then have to think as clearly as the synod did on Thursday, in deciding whether to force the issue. It would raise the whole issue of disestablishment. Parliament would be wise to tackle that only if it really wants to do so; which it probably does not.

The church has been wise to avoid this particular quarrel, provided the lessons it has to teach are not ignored. The present constitutional relationship between church and state, between General Synod and House of Commons, has an interim character to it: it is evolving gradually towards something else. If that development is to be the church's liking, some of the ground ahead needs to be explored in theory first. In particular it needs to be asked whether establishment presupposes a Parliamentary veto over some of the church's internal affairs, or whether there is an alternative. The precedent of the etablished Church of Scotland shows that the idea is not inconceivable.

WILL THEY EVER TALK?

Mr MacGregor for the Coal Board and Mr Norman Willis for the TUC have worked out an agenda for new talks which is one that on any count the National Union of Mineworkers ought to be able to accept. Yet it is by no means yet clear that they will, and if they do not, there seems to be no other prospect than for this strike to collapse slowly by the return of individual miners to work instead of by agreement now.

If that is so, it will obviously be a serious disappointment. The cost to the nation of resisting Mr Scargill's strike has been heavy and damaging. It has probably added around £2.5 billion to the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement and in 1984 its net adverse effect on the balance of payments was £2.75 billion. Even when all allowance has been made for the responsibility of US domestic policy and the overpriced dollar for the pressure on sterling, there can be no disputing that the coal strike has been a significant cause of the recent weakness of the pound. For all these reasons, it has damaged economic recovery, reducing economic growth from 3½ per cent to 2½ per cent in 1984, and has now contributed (through its effect on confidence) to the rise in interest rates at precisely the moment when the Government had hoped to see them stabilize at a lower level.

Not least, it has helped to put a check on Mr Nigel Lawson's hopes of a tax-cutting budget which was his chosen path towards a non-inflationary expansion of the economy. All in all, Mr Scargill has cost the nation dear, and much of the price is being paid by the ordinary trade unionists, in and out of work, whose cause he purports to represent.

Yet this has been a strike that has had to be resisted, both to enable the management of the industry to manage it and to preserve the right of the elected government to determine the level of investment in the industry in the light of the national interest. The malign methods by which the strike has been prolonged, Mr Scargill's refusal of a ballot and picket-line intimidation, have made such resistance even more essential. To have surrendered would have had incalculable and dangerous consequences. High as the price of resistance has been, the nation has consistently shown its understanding that it had to be paid.

It is now clear that Mr Scargill cannot win, and since it appears to be only a matter of time before the strike peters out, the pressure to reach a settlement quickly has understandably grown intense. A settlement which would remove the drain on the British balance-of-payments and, even more importantly, the check on industrial confidence and recovery in this country is one of the signs for which the international money markets are waiting, and could diminish the pressure on sterling. But it is no less important for confidence that any settlement should be one which these same markets interpret positively, and not as some kind of bidden or partial victory for Scargillism.

This is the criterion against which any talks between the National Coal Board and the National Union of Mineworkers will have to be judged, assuming they take place. The agenda worked out appears to accept the right of the board to manage and to close uneconomic pits, but also acknowledges the NUM's right to contest closure proposals. In other words, it allows for consultation and also provides for collaboration in producing a new Plan for Coal. It is plainly a promising approach, but the government and the NCB have to walk something like a tightrope.

During the course of the strike, the NCB has already made too many concessions in respect of its right to make decisions about uneconomic coal production. On the other hand, the cardinal lesson to be learned from this unhappy twelve months is that in the end the decisive factor (once a government's will to resist an unjust strike is clearly understood) is public opinion. The government has beaten off Mr Scargill's attack with the support of the public which considers Mr Scargill's cause to be as unreasonable as his bullying methods are politically intolerable. The unwillingness of the rank-and-file of other unions to support him, together with the refusal of a large part of the NUM to do so have been decisive. The Coal Board's flexibility reflects an understandable concern not to put its crucial public support at risk.

Whatever happens, however, one thing is surely clear. After the failure of this strike to achieve anything material for the striking miners, it is all but inconceivable that Mr Scargill could again bring the NUM out on the issue of uneconomic coal production. That simple fact justifies the price paid for this strike. It is also, perhaps, the decisive fact for the Coal Board to keep in mind in the negotiations, if they are resumed.

IN THE BOX

After a week in which so many cries of "No, I didn't" – "yes, you did!" have flown across the despatch-boxes, there is no excuse for any of us not to know the rules of truthfulness in the House of Commons. Members and Ministers do not tell lies. The fact that they do not is so plain and manifest a law of nature that there can be no occasion for other members and Ministers to call them liars (though they may assert that they don't believe them, which is not the same thing – implying weakness of faith on their own part rather than bad faith on their opponent's?)

What is not so widely known is how this wonderful state of universal candour is achieved. In the case of ordinary members and Opposition spokesmen, native integrity and the fear of being found out are judged to be sufficient sanction. But for Government spokesmen the temptations are so much greater, and the consequences of falling short so much graver, that in times before the memory of the oldest Member a measure of stiffening was introduced, though in a characteristically roundabout and parliamentary fashion.

The secret is in the despatch boxes. They appear to be there merely for purposes of cliché, so that the sketch-writers can speak of newly-appointed Ministers rising gingerly behind them like subalterns in the trenches going into action for the first time, or of old Ministers leaning on them for comfort and support. Voices from the other side deride Ministers for skulking behind them ashamed to show their faces, or of wishing to creep inside them and hide. Edward Heath used to stretch his strong fingers on their polished tops as if seeking to draw chords from them. Not even Asquith ever took to keeping a snifter of consoling tincture there.

Nobody is ever seen to look inside, let alone reach in to brandish the latest despatches from Orgreave or Molesworth. Needless to say, they contain no despatches, and never have done. Once upon a time, boxes of piping hot despatches may have been rushed in to refresh speakers in mid-flow, but the present ones are monumental, scarcely portable – and since Mr Heseltine's exploit with the Mace a few years ago, they have probably been nailed down. But they are more than just part of the furniture. The box on the Government side is significantly stuffed full of bibles, of all types and denominations, and cards printed with the oath that every member renews at the beginning of each Parliament.

Every Minister who sets his hand to that box is thus in effect tacitly renewing his oath at the very moment he speaks. This subliminal indication is generally thought of today as a purely practical arrangement, since it is at the box that Members queue to take the oath. But the symbolism is surely too potent to be accidental. As for the box on the Opposition side, that is said to contain a few spare oath-cards too, for any Member who may lose his way between the Bar of the House and the table. Since there is no occasion for anybody ever to look inside, can it be assumed that there is also an accumulation of parliamentary oddments, popped inside and forgotten? They would comprise sweet papers, perhaps, or a yellowed draft for invective never delivered regarding the Corn Laws; Lady Astor's hatpin; a button from Churchill's waistcoat (flown off at a heated moment of a nationalization debate, circa 1949); a 1952 MCC scorecard of Attlee's (marked "Rain stopped play"); and a dog-eared copy of the *Drapier's Letters*, left by Michael Foot, circa 1983.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A test of faith for bishops

From the Bishop of Norwich

Sir, At the moment there are six impending vacancies, in the dioceses of Exeter, Bristol, Norwich (my own), Coventry, Chelmsford and Wakefield.

The full debate today (February 13) in the General Synod demonstrated much disquiet about alleged departure by some of us bishops from the holding of the fullness of the historic Christian faith, as the Church of England has received it.

Believing as I do in the Virgin Birth, and Christ's bodily resurrection, together with the other great doctrines set out in the creeds, I hope that churchmen of similar faith will pray most correctly that only men who believe confidently in the historic Christian faith will be chosen to be the new bishops of the Church of England.

It is not enough for the Archbishop of York to defend his action in consecrating the new Bishop of Durham by suggesting that some of the doctrines of the faith, like the Virgin Birth and the empty tomb, are less important than others.

One of the advantages of the new ordinal for the consecration of bishops in the *Alternative Service Book* is the devastating clarity with which the service confronts every new bishop-designate with the challenge to confess the fullness of the Catholic faith before the laying on of hands.

Each bishop, before he is himself ordained to be a guardian of the faith, must search deep into his conscience to be sure he already holds the doctrines of the faith, clearly, humbly and confidently.

At a time when just over one million people heard Dr Billy Graham, 97,000 made some open response, during his "Mission England" services last summer, and when many bishops are baptising and confirming these new Christians, the Church of England has a supreme opportunity to search for six new bishops, through the new consultative processes, who will be true pastors of the flock of Christ, glad adherents to the fullness of the historic faith, and humbly able in good conscience to assent to the searching questions of the ordinal.

Only so will the present anxieties be abated, and the work and witness of the Church go steadily forward.

Yours etc,
MAURICE NORVIC:,
House of Lords.
February 13.

Too fast for safety?

From Lord Evans of Claughton

Sir, I was driving with my wife along the M6 and subsequently the M5 on the afternoon of Friday, February 8, in a southerly direction. The driving conditions were appalling and speed restriction warnings were operating at levels down to 30 miles an hour.

These I observed quite diligently.

For my pains I was overtaken by at least two dozen huge articulated trucks travelling at about 60 to 70 mph, though visibility was down to a few yards.

One can hardly be surprised at accidents of the kind that occurred in the same area on Sunday last with nine people killed, when one experiences the totally selfish irresponsible and lethal driving habitually indulged in by drivers of these huge vehicles.

Yours faithfully,
EVANS OF CLAUGHTON,
House of Lords.
February 11.

Foiling the freeze

From Dr D. C. Horton

Sir, We all suffer from intense cold and particularly the elderly and bed ridden and I am writing to suggest a simple and cheap method (which, perhaps, is already used by some people) for warming beds to a comfortable temperature without having to revert to heating pads electric blankets etc., which are costly and may present hazards in their use, particularly to the old and infirm.

If a sheet of aluminised material of the appropriate size is laid on the mattress of a bed with the aluminised side upwards and with a blanket on top of it (to absorb moisture), it will reflect a person's body heat upwards and that heat, when trapped by sheets, plus blanket or duvet, will be found to be a very adequate way of warming the body.

The only slight disadvantages are a possible rustling noise when turning and the need to air the bed every day.

Yours faithfully,
D. C. HORTON,
Dittons Corner,
Pevensey Road,
Polegate,
East Sussex.
February 12.

From Dr Joan Schwitzer

Sir, Today I saw my bank manager with a shovel in his hands. He was outside the bank, alone, chipping frozen snow from the pavement.

A sign of the times?

Yours truly,
JOAN SCHWITZER
33 Shepherds Hill,
Highgate N6.
February 11.

Round pounds

From Mr Robin A. Henderson

Sir, As a rim inscription for our new pound coins, Mr Toomey's suggestion (February 9) of *Facilis descensus Averno*, though pointed and poignant, sounds a trifle despairing. I would suggest combining honest inquiry with hope in *Quid pro quo?*

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN A. HENDERSON,
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Eastbourne,
East Sussex.
February 4.

What Scott achieved in Antarctica

From the Director of the Scott Polar Research Institute

Sir, John Wyver, in "Spectrum" (February 11) has drawn attention to the forthcoming Central TV production, *The Last Place on Earth*, which portrays the Antarctic expeditions of Scott and Amundsen, and to the controversy that has begun to surround it. I have had the privilege of a private viewing of the film on January 23 and would offer the following comments.

Mr Wyver, the new film and the book by Roland Huntford, *Scott and Amundsen* (Methuen, 1979), upon which the TV series is substantially based, all fail to record a most important difference between these two expeditions.

Scott, in returning to the Antarctic in 1910, had two explicit aims: to conduct extensive and thorough scientific research of the Antarctic and to achieve the South Pole, the latter goal exaggerated, of necessity, through the need to raise funds from the public.

Amundsen's expedition was, by contrast, a personal sporting venture designed solely to reach the Pole. There is nothing inherently unsound in such an objective but there is no comparison between the aims and scope of the two expeditions or in their long-term contribution to knowledge. It would be simple-minded to regard this chapter of polar endeavour as a pure race.

One third of Scott's expedition members who over-wintered were scientists. Their expertise and the programmes that they implemented included geology, marine and terrestrial biology, meteorology, glaciology, upper-atmosphere physics, terrestrial magnetism and gravity and oceanography.

There is little doubt as to the vigour, enthusiasm and skill with which this research was prosecuted or to the fundamental contribution that Scott's expedition made to an understanding of Antarctica. Indeed, through its 30 or more volumes of published results, the expedition has been acknowledged as the largest single contributor to the study of the continent prior to the 1950s.

An outstanding example is the innovative and seminal work on glaciology by Wright and Priestley. The geological discoveries of the expedition, much maligned by Huntford and given almost derisory treatment in the film, established the essential baseline for future investigations.

"The heroic efforts of the polar party were not in vain", commented A. C. Seward, FRS, the leading contemporary expert on fossil plants and Professor of Botany at Cambridge, in his examination of the specimens.

Du Toit, the perceptive South African geologist and early protagonist of continental drift, drew upon the results of the Scott expedition in demonstrating and reconstructing the common geological evolution of the southern continents.

Most of the scientists with Scott went on to have distinguished careers, and three were knighted. Priestley, for example, became Vice-Chancellor of Birmingham University; Debenham, Professor of Geography at Cambridge and founder of the Scott Polar Research Institute; Simpson, Director-General of the Meteorological Office; Wright did vital wartime work on radar and sonar and was Chief Scientist to the Navy; Griffith Taylor became Professor of Geography at the University of Chicago.

These are the calibre of men, contributing profoundly throughout their lives to the study of Antarctica and to scholarship in general, that Scott judged as worthy of his expedition but which, alongside the research they conducted, Huntford's book and now a film series seek at best to ignore and at worst to discredit.

Today, institutes such as my own, which are concerned with the serious scientific investigation of Antarctica, readily recognise the substantial and pioneering legacy of the Scott expeditions.

Yours faithfully,
D. J. DREWRY, Director,
Scott Polar Research Institute,
University of Cambridge,
Lensfield Road, Cambridge.
February 13.

Failings shown up by Ponting case

From Sir Harold Kent, QC

Sir, After your admirable leader on the Ponting acquittal (February 12), I am tempted to summarise the main proposal of the Franks committee, of which I was a member and to which you refer.

It proposed the repeal of section 2 of the Official Secrets Act, 1911, the infamous catch-all section, and its replacement by a provision making it an offence to communicate "classified information relating to defence or internal security, or to foreign relations, or to currency or the reserves, the unauthorised disclosure of which would cause serious unjury to the interests of the nation".

Obviously no one could have contemplated prosecuting Mr Ponting under such a provision (a) because the information was not classified, and (b) because its disclosure could not have caused serious injury to the nation. As a former Civil Servant I would be perfectly content that cases of this kind should be dealt with under the disciplinary procedure of the service.

After the Ponting case it looks as if the catch-all net of section 2 has rather a large hole in it. It might be a good moment to implement the report of the Franks committee.

Yours faithfully,
HAROLD KENT,
Alderley,
Calf Lane,
Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire,

From Mr Alec Bristow

Sir, Before Mr Douglas Hogg expressed to the House of Commons his disgust at the outcome of the Ponting trial, he would have been wise to consider the words of his own father, the Lord Chancellor, who has stated on many occasions his belief that juries have a right, indeed a duty, to give what may be described as perverse verdicts to mark their disapproval of oppressive laws and/or overbearing judges.

Yours sincerely,
ALEC BRISTOW,
The Grange,
Thwaite,
Eye,
Suffolk.
February 13.

From Professor R. W. Pethybridge

Sir, In Russia during the 1930s judges declared that the governmental interest was the same as the state interest. They were also directed by ministers to try defendants in trials by applying vague and "messy" (Lord Franks) clauses of the Soviet Constitution. They presided over vetted juries.

Although the similarities with the Ponting case seem to be restricted to matters of administrative machinery, the political implications are very frightening. I am proud to live in a country where juries do not act as they did in the Soviet Union during the 1930s.

Yours sincerely,
ROGER PETHYBRIDGE,
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Singleton Park,
Swansea.
February 12.

From Prebendary G. A. Lewis Lloyd

Sir, Many people are rejoicing at the acquittal of Mr Ponting, and see it as an endorsement of his action, but of course it is nothing of the sort.

The jury was asked was he guilty of a breach of the Official Secrets Act and decided he was not. They did not state (of course they were not asked) that what he did was right or moral or honourable.

I have the honour to remain, Sir,
your obedient servant,
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Audley End,
Saffron Walden,
Essex.
February 13.

From Sir Richard Dobson

Sir, The Ponting affair is over – bar, of course, the shouting. It is interesting that nobody seems to have found fault with the receiver.

In the business world if an employee of a respectable competitor had offered me trade secrets, with which he had been entrusted in all confidentiality, in order to frustrate his employer's purposes, I like to think I should have shown him the door and informed his boss.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD DOBSON,
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Richmond,
Surrey.
February 13.

Causes of decline

From Mr David L. Alfred

Sir, The point about the "welfare state", as about any other social institution made by people, is to improve its ability to satisfy human needs, not worsen it.

In a nutshell, Sir John Hoskyns (February 12) recommends the privatization of two of the pillars of the welfare state, namely national insurance and the health service. He argues that Attlee's government got it all wrong in 1945, conveniently forgetting that the demand for "social reconstruction" came from nearly all sections of society and began soon after war was declared.

The British people gave their wholehearted support to the coalition government to fight against Nazi barbarism on condition that there would be no return to the pre-war Britain of high unemployment, the Poor Law and an inadequate health system, among other things. Responsibilities and rights.

Without going into the detail of Hoskyns's tendentious argument, jam-packed with mistakes of fact, non-sequiturs and ideological interference, I would pose three questions.

First, why doesn't he tell us what the proportion of public spending to the GDP is in other European capitalist economies?

Second, why doesn't he explain *why* the percentage of the population dependent on supplementary benefit and supplementary pension (excluding all those who are entitled but don't claim) has increased so much since 1948?

Third, since when have these benefits been linked with rising "living standards" (i.e., rising *real* wages and salaries) rather than "fixed criteria of 'need'", i.e., by taking Beveridge's original calculations and merely index-linking them to inflation?

In the end, it's all about Britain's relentless, relative economic decline over many decades. Divert attention as some people may to the alleged extravagance of the "welfare state", recalcitrance of trade unions, debilitation of "creeping socialism", inefficiencies of publicly-owned industries, adversary politics and all the other spectres that haunt our society, the answer lies elsewhere; but that is another story.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID L. ALFRED,
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St Leonards-on-Sea,
East Sussex.

ON THIS DAY

FEBRUARY 16 1876

In 1826 the Malay peninsula was allotted to Britain under the Treaty of London. It comprised a number of states one of which was Perak. Following internal strife in the country, a Resident was appointed. In November 1875 he was murdered and British troops were sent from India to hunt down the culprits and to quell the rebellious natives.

THE PERAK EXPEDITION

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

PENANU, JAN 11

On the 4th inst., however, General Ross proceeded from Qualla Kangsor with 150 troops, composed of Buffs, Thirds and Ghoorkas and 30 blue-jackets, the former marching along the banks of the river, and the latter in three boats, to a village called Kotta Lama, about two miles further north, to settle accounts with the head-man of the village, who from correspondence which had fallen into our hands, appears to have had a share in the murder of poor Birch. . . .

The village is, or rather was, a large one, and has for years been the refuge of all the worthless and bad characters who could escape justice and seek its protection. It lay on the east and west banks of the Perak River, almost due north from Qualla Kangsor. Altogether, therefore, it seemed to be necessary that the village and, perhaps, more especially its head-man, should be disarmed and otherwise deprived of the power of doing further mischief and this General Ross proceeded to effect.

Colonel Cox, who was in command with his small force, first, and without opposition, disarmed the portion of the village on the right bank, and then directed his attention to a similar work on the left bank, in passing through which not a soul was visible. Thinking it abandoned, a message to that effect was sent to General Ross, who, with his Staff - politicals, some unemployed officers, and a few of the Naval Brigade – landed and strayed, unarmed for the most part, through the village. The party consisted of the General and his Staff, 20 blue-jackets, under Captain Garforth, with Lieutenant Hare, R.E., and four Goorkhas. On examining some of the houses a number of women were discovered, who immediately set up a loud howl, in response to which about 50 Malays, armed to the teeth, appeared from the jungle alongside and attacked the party, which besides being almost unarmed had scattered a little through the village. Brigade-Major Hawkins, of the Bengal Staff Corps, fell speared through the heart, and the sailors, Marines and Ghoorkas each lost one of their men, while Dr. Townsend and two Ghoorkas were wounded, the former, fortunately, only very slightly. The attack was well planned and executed. Those of the enemy possessed of guns fired at the little party and retreated into the jungles, from which the spear-men then emerged and discharged their weapons. This was repeated three times before the blue-jackets, who were somewhat scattered, could close in and drive them off. The main column was so far off that the men in it did not even hear the firing, and were much astonished on hearing what had occurred in their absence. The loss on the Malay side is unknown, but eight dead were found, among them the head-man, whose punishment had been the main object of the expedition. The greater part of the village was burnt to the ground, but many scattered houses appeared to have escaped detection, and the column then returned to Qualla Kangsor. It is presumed the women were left in the houses as a sort of blind, and there is no doubt they acted as a signal to the warriors who were concealed in the neighbouring jungle; but the – to say the least of it – injudiciousness of entering into an enemy's stronghold, which we may consider Kotta Lama to have been, without even the precaution of being fully armed and prepared for any emergency, was scarcely to have been expected in the circumstances. Surely, we do not yet require to learn that nothing like direct European fighting is to be expected from the half-savage inhabitants of the Malayan Peninsula. . . .

Rajan Ismail is said to be 40 miles from Qualla Kangsor, but to look for him would be a thankless task, as he can move so much quicker than any body of our men. If we had elephants for our troops he could easily be run down, but on foot it would be impossible to do so, and a strict blockade and a large bribe are more likely to bring him into our hands than any other means. At Qualla Kangsor the stockade is being greatly and rapidly strengthened, as a fanatic attack after the great festival of the Buckra Euki is not improbable. Fortunately, the spirits and watchfulness of our men are unflagging and a few nights ago their efficiency was put to a most satisfactory test. An alarm was raised and in a few minutes and, with almost less noise than is occasioned by the turning out of a guard, every man was in his place and any enemy attacking, would have found hot work ready for him. The alarm was not altogether unfounded, for a number of men, apparently armed, were observed prowling about just beyond the outposts, while a light was seen on one of the river banks being waved about in an unusual manner, evidently indicating that the enemy had established some kind of night signals.

Official soup

From Mr Paul M. Robinsons

Sir, Today being the almost unnoticed anniversary of the fall of Singapore (February 15, 1942), I would remind readers that toast and water would, for thousands of captive British soldiers, have been a welcome and nutritious alternative to the grass soup provided by the imperial Japanese army on the Burma-Siam railway.

Yours truly,
PAUL M. ROBINSONS,
Wandsley House,
Ilkeston,
Derbyshire.
February 15.

People and places

From Mr Christopher Fettes

Sir, Dr Bennett's letter in your columns today (February 5) reminds me of one I received from a Spaniard to whom I had sent a book at a friend's request. His thanks were addressed to "Señor Printed Matter".

Yours faithfully,
C. FETTES,
Saint Columba's College,
Dublin.
February 5.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 15: Miss Elizabeth Pearce and Mrs James Atwell had the honour of being received by The Queen this morning when Her Majesty invested them with the Insignia of Members of the Royal Victorian Order.

Mr Justice Tudor Price had the honour of being received by The Queen on his appointment as a Justice of the High Court of Justice when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood.

His Excellency Mr Salah Mohamed Ali was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Somali Democratic Republic to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Mr Yusuf Haji Said (First Counsellor), Mrs Rahima Hussein Kulmie (First Secretary), Mr Hersi Haji Olusow (Second Secretary), Mr Abdulkadir Abdi Hashi (Second Secretary), Mr Mohamed Eli Jama (Third Secretary) and Mr Abdullahi Jama Aden (Third Secretary).

Mr Ewen Fergusson (Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) who had the honour of being received by The Queen was present, and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Admiral Sir Peter Stanford had the honour of being received by The Queen on his appointment as Flag Aide-de-Camp to Her Majesty.

Mr Roger de Grey (President of the Royal Academy of Arts) and Mr Piers Rodgers (Secretary) had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty handed to Mr de Grey the Gold Medal and Chain of Office as President of the Royal Academy of Arts.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief, this morning visited the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Electronics Branch at Malvern, Hereford and Worcester.

In the afternoon His Royal Highness visited the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham, Oxfordshire.

The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by Brigadier Clive Robertson, travelled in the Royal Train.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this morning visited Hope Hospital, Salford and opened and toured the new extension, escorted by the Chairman of Salford Area Health Authority (Dr F. Beswick).

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Sir William Downward).

In the afternoon The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Patron, the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds, attended the Stockport and District Federation's event in aid of Operation Dhaka Appeal at Stockport Town Hall.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Mayor of Stockport (Councillor E. Lowe) and the Chairman of the Stockport and District Federation (Mrs J. Smith).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, attended by Mrs Malcolm Innes, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Queen was represented by Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard (formerly Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) at the funeral of Major-General Sir Guy Salisbury-Jones (formerly Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and Extra Equerry) which was held in the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Hambledon, Hampshire this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 15: The Prince of Wales, President, this afternoon visited the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

Mr John Higgs was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales this morning visited the Sir Michael Sobell House, the Churchill Hospital, Headington, Oxford.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Mrs George West and Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, RN, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 14: The Duke of Kent, President of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, today visited Brookwood Cemetery, Brookwood, and later, as Chancellor, visited the University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey.

Captain Charles Blount was in attendance.

His Royal Highness this evening presented *The Standard* Awards for Opera following a performance of *Der Rosenkavalier* at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon David Erskine and Viscountess Chandos
The engagement is announced between David Hervey Erskine, of Felsham House, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, and Caroline Mary Chandos, of The Vyne, Sherborne St John, Basingstoke, Hampshire. The marriage will take place privately at The Vyne on Friday, May 3.

Mr P. J. Day and Miss A. E. Wiblin
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. A. Day, of Bushey, Hertfordshire, and Angela, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. J. Wiblin, of *Watford, Hertfordshire.*

Mr R. P. Elvin and Miss J. S. Grace
The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P. Elvin, of Grantham, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Grace, also of Grantham, Lincolnshire.

Mr F. Gibson and Miss H. A. Parker-Jervis
The engagement is announced between Frederick, son of the late Mr and Mrs F. W. Gibson, and Harriet Anne, daughter of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs James Parker-Jervis, of Ferns, Great Hampden, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

Mr P. P. Keogh and Miss E. L. Macpherson
The engagement is announced between Paul Philip, second son of Mr and Mrs M. H. Keogh, of Wilton, Marlborough and Emma Louise second daughter of Mr and Mrs C. A. S. Macpherson, of Pangbourne, Berkshire.

Mr D. M. Lion and Miss V. M. C. Evans
The engagement is announced between Duncan Maurice, son of Mr and Mrs H. M. Lion of West Drayton, Middlesex and Victoria Mary Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. J. Evans, of South Wamborough, Hampshire.

Mr R. J. Scott and Miss L. A. Watson
The engagement is announced between Rory John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs M. Scott, of Dublin and Kuala Lumpur, and Leslie Anne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Watson, of Woking and Hong Kong.

Mr D. J. Sterland and Miss S. F. Bishop
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs John Sterland, of Ivyfold, Elsworth, *Cambridgeshire*, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Bishop, of Wick Manor, Avon.

Mr E. G. I. F. Truell and Miss L. C. Murphy
The engagement is announced between Edmund, elder son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs George Truell, of Crowthorne, Berkshire, and Lynne, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. D. Murphy, of Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire.

Mr G. L. Fisketjon and Miss A. L. Mansbridge
The engagement is announced between Gary, son of Mr C. G. Fisketjon and the late Mrs Fisketjon, of Salem, Oregon and Anne daughter of Dr and Mrs H. St John Mansbridge, of Barcombe Mills, Sussex.

Mr R. E. Macpherson and Dr Y. Aiken
The engagement is announced between Ralph, son of Mr and Mrs N. C. Macpherson, of Edinburgh, and Yvonne, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs F. B. Mortimer-Ford, of Sidcup, Kent.

Church news

Clergy Appointments

The Rev G A H Atkins, chaplain, St Michael's College, Tenbury, and priest-in-charge, Tenbury, diocese of Hereford, to be Rector, Hinstock and Sambrook, diocese of Lichfield.

[illegible] I G Barton, Chief Broadcasting Officer, Church of England, to be also Dean of non-stipendiary clergy, Kensington Episcopal Area, diocese of London.

The Rev N R Brailsford, curate, Heeley, diocese of Sheffield, to be team Vicar, King's Norton, diocese of Birmingham.

The Rev D R Buckley, Vicar, St Oswald, Backford, diocese of Chester, to be Vicar, Christ Church, Barnton, same diocese.

The Rev P A Burrows, curate, St Peter and St Paul, Fareham, diocese of Portsmouth, to work in the Episcopal Church in the United States.

The Rev F J Carlos, Rector, St Michael and Archangels, Wentnor, St Margaret's, Ratlinghope, St John the Baptist, [illegible], All Saints, Norbury and priest-in-charge, St Peter More and Holy Trinity, Lydham, diocese of Hereford, to be priest-in-charge, St Mary the Virgin, Bishop's Castle, same diocese.

The Rev R A Cattmull, Vicar, Terriers and Totteridge, diocese of Oxford, to be priest-in-charge, Chinnor with Emmington and Sydenham, same diocese.

The Rev H W Cooper, curate, St Peter's, Hayling Island, diocese of Portsmouth, to be Vicar, St Lawrence and St Mary and St Radegunde, Whitwell, Isle of Wight, same diocese.

The Rev D J G Davies, Senior Chaplain, University College Cardiff, diocese of Llandaff, to be residentiary Canon, Prebendary and Precentor, Salisbury Cathedral.

The Rev J R Evans, curate, St Peter's, Tadley, diocese of Winchester, to be priest-in-charge, Colden Common, same diocese.

The Rev A J Fearn, Vicar, Ruscombe with Twyford, diocese of Oxford, to be Rector of Westmill with Gt Munden, diocese of St Albans and assistant stewardship adviser in the diocese.

The Rev P Gray, curate, St John Baptist, Harpenden, diocese of St Albans, to be team Vicar in the Lynton, Brendon, Countisbury, Lynmouth, Barbrook, Parracombe and Martinhoe Team Ministry, diocese of Exeter.

The Rev B W G Hackney, industrial adviser to the Bishop of Derby, to be Rector of Morton and Stonebroom, same diocese.

The Rev J Hall-Matthews, Vicar, St Paul's, Tupsley, and priest-in-charge, St Andrew's, Hampton Bishop, diocese of Hereford, to be Prebendary (de Prato Majore) of Hereford Cathedral.

The Rev J N Hollis, Vicar, St James's and St Luke's, St Helier, diocese of Winchester, to be Vicar, St Saviour's, Jersey, same diocese.

The Rev T G Horwood, retired, to be Master of St John's Hospital, Bath, diocese of Bath and Wells.

The Rev J F Smart, Vicar, Brereton, diocese of Lichfield, to be Rector, East Clevedon and Walton-in-Gordano, with Weston-in-Gordano and Clapton-in-Gordano, diocese of Bath and Wells.

The Rev P L Howard, priest-in-charge, Nechells St Clements, diocese of *Birmingham*, to be Vicar, Stanley, diocese of Wakefield.

The Rev K E Jones, curate, Rotherham, diocese of Sheffield, to be Rector, Harthill and Vicar, Thorpe Salvin, same diocese.

The Rev C Marsh, Chaplain, St Mary's and St Anne's School, Abbots Bromley, diocese of Lichfield, to be Chaplain, Hereford Cathedral School, diocese of Hereford.

The Rev J K Martin, Vicar, Bournville, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be Vicar, St John the Evangelist, Cinderford, diocese of Gloucester.

The Rev C Morgan, Vicar, St George's Redditch, diocese of Worcester, to be Vicar of Sonning and Principal of Berkshire Christian Training Scheme, diocese of Oxford.

The Rev N G O'Connor, Vicar, St Mary's, Hayling Island, diocese of Portsmouth, to be Rector, Corby Glen group of parishes, diocese of Lincoln.

The Rev D Pollard, formerly of Church of the Resurrection, Holman, NW Territories, Canada, diocese of the Arctic, to be ecumenical minister, Hillfield Monkspath Ecumenical Project within the parishes of St Alphege, Solihull, and St Patrick, Salter Street, diocese of Birmingham.

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William Munro

Simple truth of the early church

There is a general belief today that until the last century our ancestors had a simple faith, close to magic and superstition, which modern science has shown to be myth.

This is true of much religious life after the fall of the Roman Empire but in the early Christian era the fathers of the church were sophisticated intellectuals. On becoming interested in the *Gnostic Gospels*, and through them the church fathers of the same period, I was surprised to discover that the myth on which I was brought up turns out to be the "simple faith of the early church".

In 230AD, in his *First Principles*, Origen wrote: "In regard to those who either cannot or will not give themselves to the effort and diligence by which they might deserve to be taught or to know matters so great and excellent, his (the Holy Spirit's) aim is to envelop and hide secret mysteries in ordinary words under the pretext of a narrative of some kind and of an account of visible things".

And in *Against Celsus*, he says: "The divine nature ... accommodated itself to the capacities of the simple multitudes whom it addressed. It seeks to win the attention of the more ignorant by the use of language which is familiar to them so they may be induced after their first introduction to strive after an acquaintance with the deeper truths which lie hidden in scripture.

"Jesus was more things than one, according to the different standpoints from which he might be regarded. Nor was he seen in the same way by all who beheld him. His merely human attributes were visible to all men, but those which were divine in their nature were not capable of being received by all.

"The logos suffers none of those things which are suffered by the body or the soul; but condescending occasionally to the weakness of him who is unable to look on the splendours of deity he became, as it were, flesh speaking with a literal voice until he who has received him in such a form is able, through being elevated in some slight degree by the teaching of the logos to gaze upon his real appearance.

"For there are different appearances according as he shows himself to each one of those who come to his doctrine: to him who is just becoming a disciple, or of him who has made a little progress, or of him who has advanced further."

Later, in 416 AD, Augustine, a neo-Platonist, was likewise preaching to his congregation at Hippo about the need to seek the deeper meaning behind the Bible stories about miracles. Here he is explaining to them that the turning of the water into wine at Cana (John 2) means the turning of the water of the Old Testament into the wine of the New by reinterpretation of the scriptures.

"God worketh miracles every day, which become lightly esteemed by men, not because of the ease with which they are wrought, but by reason of their constant recurrence. Those uncommon works done by the Lord, occasioned greater astonishment to men, not because they are greater than he daily performs in the creation, but because those which happen every day are accomplished as it were in the course of nature.

"Who does not wonder at water being turned into wine although God is doing this every year in the vines? Now let us begin to uncover the hidden meaning of the mysteries (for belief without understanding is milk for infants, not solid food for grown men) when the veil (over the Old Testament) is taken away so likewise is tastelessness taken away.

"And that which was water now becomes wine to thee. Read all the prophetic books: and if Christ be not understood therein, what can thou find so insipid and silly."

If St Augustine were preaching today no doubt the media would inform us: "Bishop says Bible insipid and silly".

The writer is a retired law lecturer.

Reception

SSAFA
Prince Michael of Kent, President of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association, was received by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and Lieutenant-General Sir Napier Crookenden, chairman, and the Hon Lady Crookenden at Guildhall on Thursday night at a reception to mark the centenary year of SSAFA. Among others present were: The Duke and Duchess of St Albans, Field Marshal Lord and Lady Carver, Baroness Phillips, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas and Lady Kennedy.

Dinners

HM Government
The Hon George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, last night was host at a dinner for Scottish university principals at Edinburgh Castle.

Mount St Mary's College
The annual dinner of the London Old Mountaineers was held last night at the Law Society's Hall. The guests included Lady Chapple, the Headmaster of Mount St Mary's College, and Mr Laurie Ryder, president of the association, was in the chair.

Royal College of Radiologists
The President of the Royal College of Radiologists, Mr W. M. Ross, gave a dinner at 38 Portland Place, last night for members of council and other guests. Among those present were:
Lady Middlemiss, Dr T B Brewin, Dr A and Dr H M L Carty, Professor W Duncan, Professor and Mrs E R Davies, Professor R G Grainger, Dr and Mrs B T Hale, Dr and Mrs W Hately, Dr and Mrs I H Kerr, Dr and Mrs D J Mahy, Dr D Pearson, Dr and Mrs T Philp, Professor T Sherwood, Dr and Mrs P Strickland and Dr F W Wright.

Institute of Medical Ethics
Mr Paul Kelly, President of the London Medical Group, entertained at dinner yesterday at the Royal College of Surgeons of England the speakers at the twenty-second annual conference. Among those present were:
Professor Sir John and Lady Walton, Dr Christopher Dare, Professor J Maynard Smith, Professor G R Dunstan, Mrs Sylvia Denton, Dr Susan Golombok, Mr Michael Rhodes, Professor Michael Adler, Dr Jack Dominian, Dr Ian Berg, Dr M J Hare, Judge Quentin Edwards, Dr Brendan MacCarthy, Dr Gillian Mezey, Professor J K Mason, Professor Bryan Jennett, Father John Mahoney, SJ, Mr Scott Baker, QC, *Prebendary Edward Shotter*, the Rev Dr Kenneth Boyd, Dr Colin Currie, Dr Raanon Gillon and Dr Lanil de Silva.

Service dinner

7th Regiment Royal Horse Artillery
A reunion dinner of officers of the 7th Regiment Royal Horse Artillery and Airborne Artillery was held last night in the RA Mess, Woolwich. Major-General C. G. Cornock was the guest of honour and Lieutenant-Colonel N. W. F. Richards, RHA, commanding officer, presided. Major-Generals T. S. C. Streatfield, P. T. Tower and T. A. Richardson were among members who attended.

Latest appointments

Sir Douglas Black to be President of the Institute of Medical Ethics.

Mrs Susan Hopkinson, deputy head of Queen Ethelburga's School, Harrogate, to be Headmistress of Stonar School, Wiltshire in succession to Miss Doreen Denmark, who is retiring after 23 years.

Mrs M. A. Phillips, formerly dean of the school of law at the Polytechnic of Central London, to be Dean of the Inns of Court School of Law.

Mrs Mary Tuck to be Head of the Home Office Research and Planning Unit.

Mr Keith R. Mack to be a full-time member of the Civil Aviation Authority from February 1.

Rear Admiral G. G. W. Marsh to be Chief Naval Engineer Officer in succession to Rear Amiral J. S. Grove on July 1. Rear Admiral Marsh will continue to serve as Deputy Controller Warship Equipment.

Captain (Commodore) J. S. Cooper, RN, to be promoted Rear Admiral and to be Chief Strategic Systems Executive, in succession to Rear Admiral J. S. Grove in September.



New year greetings: Mr Colvyn Haye, the Hong Kong Commissioner in London, meets Vivian Hsu, aged three, at the opening of the Chinese new year celebrations at the Commonwealth Institute, Kensington, yesterday (Photograph: John Voos).

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr P. E. R. Bailey, 60; Dame Henrietta Barnett, 80; Mrs Stella Clarke, 53; Mr Anthony Dowell, 42; Sir Geraint Evans, 63; Lord Franks, OM, 80; Mr Mike Holding, 31; Professor Jack Levy, 59; Mr John McEnroe, 26; Sir Maitland Mackie, 73; Sir Michael Milne-Watson, 75; Sir John Peck, 72; Captain R. E. Dudley Ryder, VC, 77; Mr John Schlesinger, 59; Sir Kenneth Selby, 71; Sir James Swaffield, 61; Professor Sir Ellis Waterhouse, 80; Mr Justice Webster, 61.

TOMORROW: Mr John Allegro, 62; Mr Alan Bates, 51; Sir Eric Clayson, 77; the Earl of Elgin, 61; Lord Foot, 76; Mr Barry Humphries, 51; Lord Kearton, 74; Miss Julia McKenzie, 43; General Sir John Mogg, 72; Sir Orby Mootham, 84; Professor Claire Palley, 54; Mr W. R. J. Pullen, 63; Mr T. C. Ravensdale, 80; the Hon Nicholas Ridley, MP, 56; Sir Gordon Slynn, 55; Mr Elleston Trevor, 65.

Ball

St George's Hospital bi-annual ball will be held at Grosvenor House on April 26, 1985. Will those who have not received their invitation please telephone 01-672 1255, ext. 4914.

Service

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Miss R. M. Jones will be held in Felixstowe College chapel on Saturday, March 16, at 2.30 pm. Those hoping to attend are asked to inform the school secretary from whom further details are available.

Services tomorrow: Quinquagesima

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8: M, 10.30: Stanford in C. Turn thy face from my sins (Attwood). Rev T Beeson: HC, 11.40: E5. Purcell in G minor. O Lord God of Hosts (Purcell). Rev J Williams: Organ Recital 5.45: ES, 6.30, Rev S Charles.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8: M, 10.30: Jub Chant 4. Te deum (Macpherson in E). Rev J Thompson: HC, 11.30. Plainsong Mass (Taverner). Int. O Sacrum convivium (Croce): E, 3.15. Magnificat (Palestrina). A. Adoramus te, Christe (Lassus). Ven F W Harvey.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: HC, 9: Cathedral Eucharist. The mass for three voices (Byrd). A. O salutaris hostia (Willaert). Canon Penwarden: Cathedral E, 3. Dyson in F. A. Thy word is a Lantern (Purcell). Canon Penwarden.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Mass, 10.30. Missa (Papae Marcelli (Palestrina). Plebs angelica (Tibbett). O bone Iesu (Palestrina): Vespers, 3.30. Magnificat primi toni (Palestrina) Hear my prayer (Purcell).

THE CHAPEL ROYAL AT ST JAMES: HC, 8.30: MP, 11.15. A. How lovely are thy dwellings (Brahms). Canon Gray.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): M. 11. TD. Britten (Festival). A. Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley). Rev L Harman. HC, 12.30.

GUARDS CHAPEL, WELLINGTON BARRACKS: Matins, 11. Rev R W Stevens. HC. 12.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL (public invited, entry via Lincoln's Inn Gateway): Morning Prayer and Sermon. 11.30 Te deum. A Flocks in pastures green abiding (J S Bach). Rev F V A Boyse.

HM TOWER OF LONDON: (public welcomed): HC. 9.15; MP, 11. Jub C Brown. A Absalom, fili mi (Josquin des Prés). The Chaplain.

TEMPLE CHURCH, FLEET STREET, (public welcomed): HC. 8.30; MP, 11.15. Te deum Laudamus (Dyson in F). Jub Deo (Dyson in D). A Many Waters cannot quench love (J Ireland). The Master: Organ Voluntary.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed): HC 8.30: M11. Rev R D Hesketh: HC 12.15 Quinquagesima. Howells Collegium regale. Sing Joyfully (Byrd).

CHAPEL ROYAL, HAMPTON COURT PALACE: HC, 8.30: M. 11 Vaughan Williams in G Walford Davies in G A Though I speak (Bairstow). The Chaplain: E 3.30 Int Let they merciful ears (Mudd). Stanford in B flat. A Greater Love (Ireland).

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich: MP11. Bow down thine ear (Arensky). O God my king (Amner). The Chaplain.

ST LUKE, Sydney Street, Chelsea, SW3: HC, 8. 12.15 Sung Eucharist 10.30, Rev J Barton: E. 6.30. Rev D R Watson. Ash Wednesday (Feb 20) HC. 11. Sung Eucharist: 7.30. Rev D R Watson.

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist, 11. Deaconess K Ricketts.

ALL SOULS CHURCH, LANGHAM PLACE: HC. 9.30: 11. Rev G Hoffman: 6.30 Rev G Hoffman.

ALL SAINTS, MARGARET STREET: LM. 8 and 5.15. M 10.20: HM. 11. The vicar. Bairstow in D: Solemn E. Sermon and Benediction 6. Rev J S W Young. Dyson in D.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH: HC, 8, 12: Children's Service 10. 11. Rev J H L Cross: 6. D N Royce.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, SOUTH AUDLEY STREET: HC. 8.15: Sung Eucharist. Missa Brevis (Britten) Rev Dr A W Marks.

HOLY TRINITY, BROMPTON: HC. 8: HC Sung. 9: Family Service. Rev J D Irvine: ES. 6.30. J T C B Collins.

HOLY TRINITY, PRINCE CONSORT RD: HC. 8.30. 12.00: Choral MP. 11. Rev Dr M Israel.

HOLY TRINITY, SLOANE STREET: (Sloane Square tube): HC. 8.30. HC. 10.30. Canon Roberts.

ST ALBAN'S, HOLBORN: SM, 9.30: HM, 11. DSS Sherwin. Missa Salisburiensis (Bush). We beseech thee, Almighty God (Batten): LM, 5.30.

ST CYPRIAN, Clarence Gate, Glentworth St, NW1: LM, 8: M, 10.30: HM, 11. Rev P R Harding.

ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 9: M, 11: John Farrant. A. Deliver Me from mine enemies (Parsons): E and AC, 6.30. Howells (Collegium Regale). A. Like as the hart (Howells). The Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street: HC, 8.30: Choral M and Eucharist, 11 Benedictus (H Willan): Gloria (Purcell in C): Communium A. O Lord increase my faith (Loosemore): Canon Oates: E, 6.30 (Heathcote Statham) Mag and Nunc Dim (Harwood in A flat). A. Though I speak with the tongues of men (Bairstow). Organ Prelude in D Major (Bach). Rev W Boulton.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 8.30: Sung Eucharist, 11 Nourse in E. The Lord hath been mindful (Wesley). The Rector.

ST JAMES'S Piccadilly: HC, 8.30: (1662): Morning Worship broadcast on BBC, 11.20, Rev Dr C Morris. EP, 6.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: HC, 8.15, 12.15: M, 11, Rev A Luff.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: HC, 8 (1662): Family Communion. 9.45 Rev F Stevens: MS, 11.30, Norman Ingram-Smith: HC, 12.30 (1662): Choral E, 4.15: ES, 6.30: (Folk Mass). Rev C Hedley.

ST MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON: HC. 8 and 12.30: Sung Eucharist, 9.30, The Vicar: M, 11.15, The Vicar: E. 6.30. Rev P M Arnold.

ST MARY'S, BOURNE STREET: LM. 9.9.45.7: HM. 11. Missa Brevis in D (Mozart). Exsultate justi (Viadana). Ave verum corpus (Mozart). Toccata giocosa (Mathias). Dr E L Mascall: E and Solemn Benediction, 6.15.

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8 and 11: Mass in D (Dvorák). Faire is the Heaven (Harris). Rev R McLaren. 6.30. Rev C K Hamel Cooke.

ST MICHAEL'S CHESTER SQUARE: HC, 8.15: HC.11, Rev A Ansell: EP. 6.30. Dr R Ouy.

ST PAUL'S, WILTON PLACE, KNIGHTSBRIDGE: HC, 8 and 9: Solemn Eucharist, 11, Mass in three parts (Byrd). Expectans expectavi (Wood). Peccantem me quotidie (Morales). Bishop of Taunton.

ST PAUL'S, ROBERT ADAM STREET: HC. 11. Ambrose Mason: 6.30. Jonathan Stephens

ST PETER'S, EATON SQUARE: HC. 8.15: Family Mass 10; SM. 11. Communion Service in E flat (BCP) (Kitson). Motet. Confirma hoc, Deus (Byrd). Rev Fr D B Tillyer.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, CHELSEA: HC, 8: Parish Communion. 11. EP. 6.30. Rev O R Clarke.

ST STEPHEN'S, GLOUCESTER ROAD: LM, 8, 9: HM, 11. Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina). Rev R Browne: Solemn E and Benediction, 6. Rev Dr P Buller.

ST VEDAST, FOSTER LANE: SM, 11.

ST COLUMBA'S (CHURCH OF SCOTLAND) PONT STREET: 11. Very Rev Dr J Fraser McLuskey: 6.30, Rev W A Cairns.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (CHURCH OF SCOTLAND) RUSSELL STREET, COVENT GARDEN: 11. is. 6.30. Rev J Miller Scott.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran) GRESHAM ST, EC2. (St Paul's Underground): HC. 11; Bach Vespers. 7. Cantata 127. Herr Jesu Christ! Wahr Mensch und Gott and Concerto for two violins: (inquiries 01-769 2677).

THE ORATORY, SW7: LM, 7. 8. 9. 10: HM. 11. Mass Laetatus sum (Victoria). Esto Mihi (Haydn): LM. 12.30, 4.30, 7: Vespers, 3.30. Laudate Dominum (Charpentier).

ST ANSELM AND CECILIA, Kingsway: SM. 11. Mass of St Bernadette (Phillips). Bella dum late fuerent (Plum).

ST ETHELDREDA'S, ELY PLACE (Holborn Circus): SM. 11. Weber in G. Cantate Domini (Dering).

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick ST (Regent St) W1: LM. 8. 10: SM. 11. Missa Brevis (Gabrieli). Nolo mortem peccatoris (Morley). *Plorate filii Israel* (Carissimi): LM. noon. 4. 6.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, St John's Wood: SM. (Latin), 10.45. Mass in F minor (Turner). Iesu dulcis memoria (Victoria).

THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 11 (Sung Latin Mass). Missa Brevis K 194 (Mozart). Panis Angelicus (Charpentier): Organ: 12.15, 4.15, 6.15.

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: (United Reformed). Tavistock Place: 11. Rev W Workman: 6.30. communion. Rev J Miller.

ST JOHN'S WOOD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (Presbyterian/Congregationalist). Lord's Roundabout, NW8: 9.30am Rev J Miller.

CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11 and 6.30. Rev Dr R J Tudor.

WEST LONDON MISSION, Hinde Street Methodist Church, W1: 11. Rev A Bruce: 6.30. Rev S Jordan.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct, EC: 11. 6.30. Rev R Dorey.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 and 6.30. Rev Dr R T Kendall.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road: Rev Dr R C Gibbins

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH (Old Roman Catholic) Mosslea Rd, Penge East, London SE20: Latin Tridentine Mass. 10.20.

Latest wills

Suicide couple leave £2.3m

Mr Geoffrey Ralph Merton, a Lloyd's underwriter, of St John's Wood, London, who died in a suicide pact with his wife last October, left estate valued at £1,363,756 net. His wife, Constance Bridget Merton, left estate valued at £956,178 net.

Mr Charles White Matthews, of Seaford, East Sussex, farmer, left estate valued at £537,500 net. He left half the residue equally between the Royal National Institute for the Deaf and the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Sharpe, Mr Harold Dennis, of Stanford in the Vale, Faringdon, Oxfordshire, farmer, £612,482.

Cox, Mr Nalder Charles, of Chandlers Ford, Hampshire £300,751

Science Report

Mapping the changing role of red and grey squirrels

By Stephen Young

The long held view that the native British red squirrel has been ousted in most parts of the country by the more aggressive behaviour of the grey squirrel has become the subject of close scrutiny by ecologists. The results of those studies suggest that the seeming obvious explanation is wrong.

The colonization of Britain by the grey squirrel is one of the great ecological success stories of the century. And, of course, the native red squirrel has declined over the same period.

But the question of whether those trends are related is surrounded by controversy. Three views are commonly heard. First, red squirrels could be competing unsuccessfully with the grey squirrels for resources and living space. Second, their range could be contracting as a result of loss of their preferred habitat of mature coniferous woodland. Finally, they could be succumbing to poxvirus disease, of which the invading species could be a carrier.

Until 20 years ago the red squirrel was still widespread in Norfolk, while the grey species was decidedly scarce. The position is now reversed. Dr J. C. Reynolds, a biologist at East Anglia University, has documented that changeover.

Dr Reynolds made use of records collected between 1960 and 1982 by local natural history societies, the Forestry Commission and and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The information for each year was plotted on a map divided into grid squares, each of which represented an area of 25 square kilometres.

Those maps reveal the grey squirrel's rise and the red squirrel's fall in a striking fashion. Red squirrels were recorded in 173 grid squares in 1960, but by 1982 the figure had failed to nine, all of which were shared with grey squirrels. Meanwhile the grey species had swept into 157 grid squares.

But many populations of red squirrels seem to have died out long before grey squirrels invaded their areas. That argues against an effect of direct competition, as does the intriguing observation that the two species have coexisted for as long as 16 years in some parts of the county.

Populations of red squirrels with grey squirrels on their doorsteps were no more likely to die out than those without grey neighbours. But Dr Reynolds was unable to test the notion that a high density, rather than the mere presence, of grey squirrels could threaten the survival of the red species.

The new study lends no support to the view that the red squirrel's difficulties have arisen because of erosion of its habitat. Dr Reynolds explains that the area of Norfolk given over to coniferous woodland appears to have remained unchanged over the period covered by the survey.

On the other hand, poxvirus disease may well have played a part in the red squirrel's decline, at least in East Anglia. However, that cannot be the whole story, since the disease, although serious, does not always cause the extinction of local populations.

There are no grounds for supposing the grey squirrel to be a carrier of the disease, however. Outbreaks have become more widespread in recent years, but they do not appear to have accompanied the grey squirrel's advance.

Source: *Journal of Animal Ecology*, vol 54, p 149.

OBITUARY

DR O. G. EDHOLM

Survival in extreme conditions

Dr Otto Gustav Edholm, FRCP, who died on January 18 at the age of 75, was a specialist on the problems of survival in extreme environments and had supervised much of the medical research carried out by the British Antarctic Survey.

Born in 1909, he graduated in physiology from King's College, London, and qualified in medicine at St George's Hospital.

While in general practice he had a part-time lectureship in human physiology at King's College and later took up a lectureship in the subject at Queen's University, Belfast.

There his interest was in the human circulation, and during the war he and Barcroft worked for the Shock Committee of the Medical Research Council with McMichael and Sharpey-Schafer on the circulatory changes in man caused by severe haemorrhage.

In 1944 he was made Professor of Physiology at the Royal Veterinary College, London, and researched on the circulation in the giraffe, the okapi and the ostrich. Soon after the war he became Professor of Physiology at London, Ontario, and he and Alan Burton wrote *Man in a Cold Environment*, later translated into Russsian.

In 1949 he was made the first Head of the Medical Research Council's Division of Human Physiology at Hampstead. Edholm became Chairman of the Army Personnel Research Committee (and chairman or member of many other Defence Personnel Research Committees).

His advice was sought on problems of welfare and survival in hot and cold climates, in cold sea-water and at high altitudes, and a member of his MRC Unit, Griffith Pugh, went with Hunt's successful Everest Expedition of 1953 as its expert on respiration. Edholm also designed the research projects to be carried out by medical officers on the British Antarctic Survey for many years.

His books were *Exploration Medicine* (1965); *Physiology of Human survival* (1967); *The Biology of Work* (1967); *Polar Human Biology* (1973); *Man Hot and Cold* (1978) and *Principles and Practice of Human Physiology* (1981).

In 1962 he was Visiting Professor to the Department of Physiology in Jerusalem, and in 1973 he went to Antarctica on the Royal Research Ship Bransfield as the guest of the British Antarctic Survey.

Edholm was Bellinghausen Medalist of the Antarctic Research Committee of the USSR Academy of Science (1970), FRCP London (for published work, 1975) and Hon Dsc University of Surrey (1979).

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, and three daughters.

CAPTAIN ROBERT BOYD

J.O.C. writes:

Captain Robert Boyd, DSO, DSC, who died suddenly at Vilamoura in Portugal, on February 11, was one of our most successful submariners in World War II. He won a DSC as First Lieutenant of HMS Utmost while cutting Rommel's North African supply lines from the beleaguered base of the Tenth Submarine Flotilla in Malta.

In 1943 he returned in command of HMS Untiring, and quickly made his mark by sinking over 20 Axis ships, at a time when targets were heavily escorted and hard to find. When the Germans deployed shallow draught Unterseejaeger (UJ-boats) with fearsomely effective anti-submarine measures his response was to sink six of them.

In one spectacular incident he nearly broke the bank at Monte Carlo when he was thwarted during an attack on a German mine-layer by its suddenly altering away and berthing alongside the Quai de Plaisance (now Quai des Etats-Unis and the straight in the Monaco Grand Prix). A carefully-aimed oblique torpedeo shot through a 2-degree gap in the breakwater, blew the enemy to pieces, breaking windows all over the Principality.

For all these and other exploits he earned a DSO and Bar.

He was a pleasant unassuming Captain and a born seaman who had an intuitive flair for handling any tactical situation, having been brought up in the hard school of being an apprentice in a tramp steamer. In 1936 he joined the Royal Navy as one of the "Hungry Hundred" transferring from the Merchant service in readiness for war.

His crew regarded him as a friend in whom they had unquestioned confidence, which he readily reciprocated.

OLGA FRANKLIN

Olga Franklin, the writer and broadcaster, who was known for the lively column she wrote for the *Daily Mail*, and the verve of her appearances on radio, died in Birmingham on February 11 at the age of 72.

She was born in Birmingham, of a family with a Russian-Jewish immigrant background, and educated at King Edward's High School. She early showed a talent for languages, and began her career as a bilingual secretary in Birmingham, using both French and German.

In 1939, however, at the outset of war, she obtained a junior position with Reuters. She aso learnt Russian, and this enabled her to specialize in Soviet and Eastern European affairs throughout her subsequent career. After Reuters, she worked briefly on the *Oxford Mail* and the Newcastle *Evening Chronicle* before returning to London in 1945.

At that time Russian-speaking journalists were a rarity in Fleet Street and during the next 11 years she worked for the *Daily Graphic* and the *Daily Sketch*, travelling extensively during the immediate postwar years in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

She joined the *Daily Mail* in 1956, and was given her own column, "Frankly Yours", where she was instantly recognizable from Emmwood's caricature of the plump little woman with hairpins spilling from her topknot. She became *the first stunt girl*, being sent off to do stints as, for instance an air hostess and a bus conductress.

Her writing outside Fleet Street was particularly evocative of her family's background. She traced and described in her books *Born Twice* (1951) and *Steppes to Fleet Street* (1968) their life in Tsarist Russia and their translation to industrial Birmingham in the 1880s. These books contained a strong autobiographical element, as did her wry look at Fleet Street in *Oh that Spike*, published in 1957.

After she left the *Daily Mail* in 1971 she wrote and worked as a freelance, publishing *How to Make Money at Home*. She broadcast on Soviet affairs for the BBC, including the World Service, and adapted and translated Russian works for radio.

She married in the 1930s Norbert Franklin, but he died only two years later.

DR MURIEL GARDINER

Dr Muriel Gardiner, a distinguished American psychoanalyst who during her student-days in Vienna in the 1930s played an active part in the anti-fascist underground, died in Princeton, New Jersey, on February 6 at the age of 83.

She described her experience in Vienna in her memoirs, *Code Name Mary*, published in 1983. They were strikingly similar to those of the heroine of *Julia*, the short story by Lilian Hellman later made into a successful film, and many regarded Dr Gardiner as the original of Julia, though Miss Hellman denied it.

She was born Muriel Morris in Chicago in 1901, of a wealthy family connected with the stockyards and meat-packing. After education at Wellesley College and Oxford she went to Vienna for psychoanalysis, and was there in February 1934, when soldiers of the Dollfuss regime opened fire on workers during the disturbances.

The event stirred her deeply, and for the next four years, while studying medicine in order to qualify as a psychoanalyst, she used her own wealth to help the socialist underground. Her flat in Vienna and a cottage she had outside were both used as safe houses, and she smuggled false passports and foreign currency into Austria to help people to escape. She remained until after Hitler's takeover of Austria in 1938.

In later years she became an established psychoanalyst in the United States, specializing in the treatment of disturbed children. She edited one of Freud's most famous cases. *The Wolf-Man*, and she herself published *The Deadly Innocents: Portraits of Children who kill*.

She never met Lillian Hellman but, after the publication of *Julia* in the 1970s, wrote to Miss Hellman pointing to the *similarities*. Miss Hellman did not reply, and maintained until her death last year that Dr Gardiner was not the original of Julia.

The issue developed into a minor *cause célèbre*, however. Dr Gardiner did not specifically claim to be Julia, but pointed out that though she and Miss Hellman had never met, they had for many years shared the same lawyer. Dr Herbert Steiner, director of the Documentation Archives of the Austrian Resistance, said that only one American woman, with the codename of Mary, was known to have taken part.

In recent years Dr Gardiner had worked to establish a Sigmund Freud Museum in London.

Dr Gardiner is survived by her second husband, Joseph Buttinger, whom she had met during her time in Vienna, when he was leader of the Austrian Revolutionary Socialists.

Lady Buckley, wife of the Rt Hon Sir Denys Buckley, MBE, former Lord Justice of Appeal, died on February 8. She was the former Gwendolen Jane Armstrong-Jones, and they had three daughters.

Mr John Moncreiff Ord Mackenzie, who died on February 10, was appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Peebleshire in 1953.

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THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Brazilian debt crisis stirs back to life

"Debt Crisis Over" has been the fashionable headline in recent months; so it is not surprising that the differences which have now come to light between Brazil and the International Monetary Fund should cause the pendulum to swing in the other direction, reawakening nervousness in financial markets. Shares in Lloyds Bank (traditionally perceived as the most exposed to Latin American debt problems) fell 25p yesterday to 564p.

Financial markets have tended to respond to the debt problem by being in turns alarmist and over-optimistic. Brazil has made remarkable strides in restoring some kind of external equilibrium, and this year's target of a $12 billion visible trade surplus could well be surpassed. But it is no secret that it has consistently failed to meet the IMF's internal economic targets, and progress towards reducing the public sector deficit and curbing inflation has been disappointing.

In part, this reflects the problems of dealing with an economy geared to regular indexation of prices. Equally the IMF appears to have become exasperated with the Brazilian authorities for putting forward targets in their latest letter of intent to the IMF which they have no chance of achieving, given the pace of domestic monetary expansion in Brazil.

As a result the IMF is now saying that enough is enough. The commercial banks are putting final negotiations on their $45.5 billion multi-year rescheduling deal with Brazil on ice, and it is now up to Brazil and the IMF to reach some kind of accommodation on economic targets.

This may take some time. Senhor Tancredo Neves, whose new civilian administration takes over in mid-March, has made no secret of his wish to see both IMF and commercial bank negotiations tied up before he assumes power.

Understandably, he does not want to be seen to be responsible for measures which are inevitably unpopular with voters. However, it is hard to see an early resolution of the present problem. Indeed it could be a while before the IMF negotiations and multi-year deal with the banks are tied up. However, that is not necessarily a cause for alarm. After all, if IMF targets were never breached, it would suggest they were set at levels which were all too easy to meet.

But Brazil is not the only big debtor the trouble with the IMF. Mexico is embroiled in a new dispute over 1985 economic targets which the government may be unable to meet.

An IMF team has been despatched to Mexico to begin another round of talks on a 1985 austerity package, necessary to release $50 billion in credits from foreign banks which were negotiated last year. But officials said that the two sides where still far apart because of the government's inability to control inflation, growing budget deficits and the declining level of vital oil revenues.

Mexico failed to meet the 1984 targets in negotiated with the IMF for controlling inflation, which was 59 per cent instead of the promised 40 per cent; and its budget deficit was 6.9 per cent of gross national product instead of the 5.5 per cent agreed on in the debt negotiations.

Quarterly bill may ease tax flow

It seems likely that in his search for more cash in the next Budget Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, is considering taxing building societies quarterly instead of once a year in arrears, as at present. He is being loudly encouraged by the clearing banks, which are already facing the prospect of paying composite rate tax like the societies and think the societies should therefore be taxed as frequently as banks.

Receipt of the tax, worth about £2 billion annually, from the societies earlier in the year is worth several millions in interest charges to the Chancellor, and would help to smooth the Government's tax flow. It represents a corresponding penalty to the societies which, not surprisingly, argue strongly against the move.

Their lobbying effort, however, will not be helped by the attitude of the Halifax, still easily the largest building society. Last year the Halifax paid £388 million in tax but according to Mr Richard Wieway, the finance director, a change ir taxation methods "would have insignificant revene implications for the society".

One reasons for this is that the Halifax pays its tax bill in January before year-end on January 31. Its liquidity figure is never artificially inflated by unpaid tax so, from an accounting point of view, the change would have a minimal effect. The society calculates that, because of the timing of interest payments to investors and the receipt of interest from investments, earlier tax payments to the government would be more or less cancelled out.

The rest of the building society industry, with their strongest voice sounding so unconcerned, will have to shout even louder to be hard by the Chancellor.

SE's version of F-Plan Diet

The Stock Exchange Council is becoming dangerously hooked on its own version of the F-Plan Diet. In this case the "F" stands for Flexibility and Fragmentation.

For many years a fundamental tenet of the Stock Exchange has been that fragmentation must be avoided at all costs: in other words, its monopoly of share dealing facilities should be preserved. That monopoly has suffered erosion by nibbling in the past decade, but now there is the serious threat of competition. And the universal answer to that threat appears to le Flexibility. However, flexibility has an awkward habit of disintegrating into compromise, trimming, rule-bending and even less mentionable mental and ethical gymnastics.

The latest example of this trend has been this weeks announcement that the Council is considering admitting a select band of British and American banks to membership of the Stock Exchange. It will be a new and highly restricted form of membership, confined to trading in currency options. But the very suggestion shows how thinking in Throgmorton Street these days is becoming driven by events rather than the other way round.

The plain fact is that while the Council has been dithering over the best way to transfer membership from the present 4,500 individuals to the powerful corporations waiting to take advantage of the promised land of freely negotiated commissions, those corporations have been moving smartly ahead of the game.

As expected, the biggest losers have been those banks and brokers which have signed conditional merger deals. They are committed to the future while being locked into the past. Their unfettered rivals, who include Merrill Lynch Salamon Brothers and Dean Witter of the US and the mighty phalanx of Japanese financial houses, have been free to deal in British stocks on the telephone.

These powerful and influential groups are growing impatient with the slow and piecemeal rate of change on the Stock Exchange ahead of next year's Big Bang. The fledgling London International Financial Futures Exchange is beginning to offer a tempting array of alternatives to the traditional stock market.

So the Stock Exchange Council is taking steps to plug the leaks, as and when they arise, as and when a plug comes to hand. More fragmentation, more flexibility. All these stopgaps will be swept away by the Big Bang, but they are meanwhile helping to shape – or misshape – the structure that will replace them.

Pound rallies above $1.10 as dollar profit-taking continues

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The pound closed above $1.10 yesterday in London, as profit-taking on the dollar continued. Sterling gained 87 points to $1.1027, with the sterling index rising 0.3 to 71.4.

The dollar, which traded at DM3.25 at one stage yesterday, closed at DM3.2650 against the mark in London, two pfennigs down on the day. The dollar correction was said to be partly due to squaring of positions ahead of the Washington Birthday holiday on Monday.

The only official intervention appears to have been by the Bank of Japan and the dollar fell from Y260.42 to Y256.6 against the Jananese currency. The dollar index fell 1.0 to 151.0.

In Washington, the US Treasury Secretary, Mr James Baker, said that the US had intervened in the foreign exchange markets. "We have intervened and we have, in fact, done so since I have been here," Mr Baker said.

However, he added that official policy remained to intervene only when markets were considered disorderly. Mr Baker said that recent intervention had had "some effect" during the dollar's rise.

Foreign exchange dealers said that any official intervention by the US had been modest and poorly signalled.

Official figures were published in Washington for producer prices and industrial production. Industrial production rose by 0.4 per cent in January, after a rise of 0.5 per cent in December and 0.4 per cent in November.

Mr Baker said that the figure showed that production was on a "steady growth path" after the slowdown in the third quarter

Output was up by 5.1 per cent on a year earlier. Manufacturing output slowed, however and rose by just 0.2 per cent in January, compared with 0.8 per cent in December.

Producer prices for finished goods in the US were unchanged in January, and may have declined slightly before rounding. The unchanged index last month compares with a 0.2 per cent rise in December and a 0.3 per cent increase in November.

The dollar's rise appears to have played a big part in the US inflation slowdown, with food and energy prices falling in January.

The index of producer prices for finished goods was up by just 1.1 per cent compared with a year earlier.

The slowdown in US inflation could mean that real interest rates in the US are not significantly lower than those in Britain, says Mr Michael Hughes, economist at the stockbroker de Zoete & Bevan.

He suggests that the producer price figures, taken in combination with the National Association of Purchasing Management's survey last week, showing more respondents reducing prices than raising them, underlines the scaling down of inflation expectations in the US.

In Britain, high nominal interest rates are running alongside expectations of higher inflation. In the US, lower nominal interest rates are set against expectations of low inflation or declining prices. The real interst rate difference may be negligible, and this could be one explanation why sterling's response to the recent base rate rise was muted.

Yesterday, interest rates in London declined in response to sterling's improved performance. The three-month interbank rate fell by ¼ to 13 1/16 to - 13 3/16, with the money market view still that any sustained pound recovery will provide the scope for a base rate cut.

TV report on Barratt 'not unfair'

By Cliff Feltham

The sagging morale of the Barratt housebuilding group following a critical report on timber-framed housing by the *World in Action* television programme has suffered a further knock after rejection of complaints about the controversial programme by the independent Broadcasting Complaints Commission.

In addition to the objections raised by Sir Laurie Barratt's



Sir Lawrie Barratt: new setback

group, complaints were made by the National House Building Council.

After months of investigation, the commission decided last month it is understood, to reject the complaints by the NHBC.

Normally, the commission's adjudication would have been published at that time. However, in an unprecedented move, the NHBC decided to take action in the High Court to have the case reheard by the commission. A date for the High Court hearing has not yet been fixed.

The NHBC says there were "certain areas of disagreement" but will not say what the commission's findings were.

Both the NHBC and Barratt say their complaints were made independently and are thought to relate to different aspects of the programme. Barratt's own complaints about the programme on housing techniques, and a further one on first-time buyers, are still being heard by the commission.

The large volume of technical evidence being presented means no early outcome is likely. A spokesman for Barratt, commenting on rejection of the NHBC complaints, said: "I don't think this affects us at all".

Hang Seng surges on Wheelock bid

By Graham Serjeant, Financial Editor

Share prices in Hong Kong surged to their highest level for 32 months yesterday after the takeover bid for Wheelock Marden, a key group with wide interests throughout the colony. The Hang Seng index rose 52 points to 1,406 in heavy trading with local institutions buying a variety of stocks.

The takeover bid, made through a company controlled by Tan Sir Khoo, of Singapore a Chinese banking and hotels magnate, was seen as the most tangible evidence so far of confidence in Hong Kong after the Anglo-Chinese agreement ove the colony's future.

It has been symbolically contrasted with the earlier decision by Jardine Matheson to move its legal base to Bermuda. Tan Sri Koo, a close associate of the oil-rich Sultan of Brunei, is thought to want to establish his centre of operations in Hong Kong.

Shares in Wheelock Marden requoted on the stock exchange after a short suspension, rapidly moved ahead of the HK$1.9 billion (£223 million) cash offer. The most-traded, but low-voting "A" shares, which had moved ahead on rumours before the bid, rose again, from HK$5.80 to HK$6.40, compared with the offer price of HK$6. The "B" shares which carry most of the votes, gained 15 cents to 65 cents, against an offer price of 60 cents.

Mr John Marden, the WM chairman, whose father brought WM to the Shanghai stock exchange in 1932 after gaining control of the old Wheelock group, has now sold out to Tan Sri Khoo.

Mr John Cheung, who runs the property offshoot Hongkong Realty, is thoyght to control about a quarter of the votes in WM - and is hoping to gain control with the help of other local interests. But Tan Sri Khoo is thought to have bought large blocks of "A" shares from London

Gilts rally prompts new tap

By Christopher Dunn

The Bank of England yesterday announced an addition to the funding programme via the creation of a new taps stock – £400 million of Treasury 2½ per cent index-linked stock 2013. The stock is to be offered for sale by tender fully paid next Thursday and first dealings will start on Friday.

The stock was announced at the close of a buoyant day for the gilt-edged market, during which prices rose by more than ¾ point at the long end. The Government Broker activated his existing tap, Exchequer 11 per cent 1990, and market sources suggested approximately £400 million or more was sold in partly-paid form. Traders were disappointed, however, that the whole issue failed to sell out.

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Telerate stakes sold for $100m

By Philip Robinson

Five shareholders will share $100 million (£91 million) following an announcement yesterday that they will sell 5 million shares of Telerate Inc, the US electronic financial information service.

British & Commonwealth Shipping will virtually halve its stake, selling 2.3 million shares, funds of Gartmore, a British unit trust group, are selling 1.8 million and three senior employees of Telerate are offering one million shares. Exco International, the British financial supermarket which owns 52 per cent of Telerate and links with Gartmore says it will maintain its holding.

Telerate shares have gone from $2 to more than $20 a share in four years, making it one of the most successful investments on Wall Street.

At last night's price of $21 ½, British and Commonwealth's stake will be worth almost $49.45 million, and the Gartmore Funds' stake $38.7 million.

Employees sharing $21 million for their stake will be Mr John Terranova, finance director, Mr Philip D'Angelo, a director, and Mr Robert Fromer, the group's legal counsel. All three will retain shares in the company.

The share sale was registered with the American Securities and Exchange Commission

Telerate disclosed on Thursday that first-quarter profits had risen 27 per cent to $8.18 million.

IN BRIEF

Trust wins bid battle

Scottish Heritable Trust yesterday clinched its long-running bid for Hoskins & Horton, after institutions counting for 31.3 per cent of Hoskins ordinary shares accepted SHT's increased offer. SHT, which already owned 28.8 per cent of Hoskins, now has acceptances for 62 per cent of the ordinary shares and has declared its offer unconditional.

SHT raised its offer to seven SHT shares and 245p cash for two Hoskins shares, worth £9.8 million. It raised its cash alternative to 343p a share, worth £9.3 million against 320p per share before.

SHT's offer entails the sale of Hoskins & Horton's quarrying and mixed concrete activities to Tilcon, a subsidiary of BTR, for £5 million. Capital gains tax liability will be shared between Tilcon and SHT.

Curbs lifted

Mr Alex Fletcher, minister for corporate and consumer affairs, yesterday announced that restrictions on unit trust investment in Japan were to be loosened. He said the maximum amount unit trusts would be allowed to invest in Japanese over the counter stocks would be raised from five per cent to 25 per cent of the fund.

Iraqi oil deal

Turkey and Iraq are to sign an agreement next month for a second pipeline to carry Iraqi oil through Turkey to the Mediterranean. An Ankara official said five consortia had been given tender documents and a decision was due by May 1.

The 1928 Investment Trust, which is controlled by London and Manchester Assurance, announced yesterday that it now holds a 5.5 per cent stake in Aitken Hume, the investment group headed by Messrs Jonathan and Timothy Aitken. The extra shares were bought on January 11, but not notified because of an administrative error.

Market move

Thermalite, a concrete building block manufacturer is said to be considering a stock market debut which could value the group at £60 million. The former Laing Group company was bought out by the management two years ago for £14 million. Profits last year totalled £6 million compared with £4 million the previous year.

Gains at Inmos

Inmos, the microchip company sold by the Government to Thorn EMI, saw a 1984 turnround, with £20.6 million net operating profit compared with a loss of £10.8 million in 1983. Sales increased from £37.8 million to £110.8 million.

Yarrow to drop bid for Clyde yard

By Jonathan Davis, Business Correspondent

Yarrow announced yesterday that it has dropped out of the bidding for its former warship yard on the Clyde, now being sold as part of the Government's privatization programme. There is now little or no prospect of any of Britain's warship yards, which were controversially nationalized in 1977, returning to their former owners.

Yesterday was the deadline for bids to submitted for both the Yarrow yard and another smaller British Shipbuilders warship yard, Hall Russell in Aberdeen.

Lazard's, the merchant bank handling the sales, said it had received a "satisfactory" response with bids for both yards. It would not comment on the number of bids or who they were from. Both GEC and Trafalgar House have been mentioned as possible bidders.

Mr Ian Mann, Yarrow finance director, said the two principal factors behind the decision were doubts about the company's ability to finance the acquistion and the wisdom of returning to naval shipbuilding after eight years.

Both the Yarrow and Hall Russell yards look likely to be bought by outside bidders.

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Grim forecast for Third World

By Michael Prest

There is a serious risk that Third World debt will increase without any improvement in the ability of borrowing countries to manage their obligations, according to a senior World Bank official.

Speaking at a conference held in London by the Bank to discuss its development policy, Mr Nicholas Lope, chief of the Bank's external debt division, forecast that Third World debt will rise to $970 billion (£890 billion) this year, compared with $890 billion last year.

But Mr Hope said that the combintion of lower real interest rates, high export growth, more offical financing, and greater creditor confidence in the Third World needed to improve its borrowers' debt-servicing capacity seemed unlikely to ocur in the next few years.

At the same meeting Lord Seebohm argued for a common code of practice for private investment in developing countries.

He listed seven criteria for companies: freedom to employ expatriates; freedom to pay dividens, profits and salaries as they wished; penal taxes should not be imposed; no nationalization without proper compensation; majority local boldings should not be compulsory; an agreed disputes procedure and all those conditions should apply equally to all private companes in the country.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	979.9(–4.8)
FT- A All Share	616.98(–2.18)
FT Govt Securities	80.13(+0.48)
FT-SE 100	1281.5(–8.3)
Bargains:	24,448
Datastream USM	106.79(+0.03)
New York	
Dow Jones	1290.41(+2.54)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12,148.29(–+66.60)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1405.93(+51.54)
Amsterdam:	201.4(unchanged)
Sydney: AO	786.4(+1.0)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1170.0(+3.8)
Brussels:	
General	159.42(+0.6)
Paris: CAC	200.8(+0.3)
Zurich:	
SKA General	397.00(+0.10)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $304.90 pm $304
close $304.50 (275.75 – 276.25)
New York:
Comex $304.40

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Intervis Video figs	8 +2
Applied Botanics	3 + ½
Carpets Int	42 +5 ½
Logica	312 +28
Milford Docks	95 +8
United Par cels	98 +8
Stylo	186 +15
Applied Holographics	205 +15
Town Centre Secs	45 +2
Jones & Shipman	67 +3
BSG Int	23 ½ +1
Neil & Spencer	47 +2
Kode Int	170 +7
Carclo Eng Grp	203 +8

FALLS:

MS Int	40 –5
Commons Bros	70 –7
SelecTV	10 –1
Lon & Overseas Ir	2¾ – ¼
Resource Tech	34 –3
Appleyard Grp	46 –4
Benlox Hldgs	41 –2
Health Care Grp	21 –1
Miss World Grp	210 –10
Falcon Resources	429 –20
Neepsend	11 – ½

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.1027 (+0.0087)
£: DM 3.6006 (+0.0078)
£: SwFr 3.0636 (+0.0036)
£: FFr 11.0270 (+0.0212)
£: Yen 282.95 (–1.75)
£ Index: 71.4 (+0.3)

New York:
£: $1.1030
$: DM 3.2660
$ Index: 150.0 (–1.0)
BCU 0.617242
SDR 0.880345

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 14%
3-month interbank 13 11/16 – 13 5/8
3-month eligible bills 13⅜ – 13¼ buying rate

US:
Prime Rate 10.50%
Federal Funds 8½
3-month Treasury Bills 8.20 – 8.16
Long bond 99 3/32 – 99 7/32

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WALL STREET

	Feb 14	Feb 13
AMF Inc	16¾	16
AMR	38⅝	38½
Allied Corp	38⅞	39
Allied Stores	55⅝	54
Allis Chalmers	8⅛	8
Alcoa	38¾	39
Amax Inc	18⅛	18
Amerada Hess	28⅛	28
Am Brands	64¾	65
Am Broadcast	66½	67
Am Can	51½	51
Am Cyanamid	54⅝	54
Am Elec Power	21	21
Am Home	57	57
Am Motors	3⅞	4
Am Nat Res	45⅝	44
Am Standard	33⅝	34
Am Telephone	21⅛	21
Armco Steel	11⅛	11
Asarco	21⅞	21
Ashland Oil	29⅛	29
Atlantic Richfield	49½	47
Avco	49	49
Avon Products	22⅛	22
Bankers Tst NY	65½	64
BankAmerica	20	19
Bank of Boston	44⅛	45
Bank of NY	39⅛	38
Beatrice Foods	30½	30
Bethlehem Steel	20	21
Boeing	65½	66
Boise Cascade	43⅞	44
Borden	68⅛	67
Borg Warner	34	34
Bristol Myers	54⅝	55
BP	25⅛	25
Burlington Ind	27½	26
Burlington Nthn	55	57
Burroughs	61⅛	62
Campbell Soup	54	54
Canadian Pacific	44⅛	44
Caterpillar	32⅛	32
Celanese	53	53
Central Soya	18⅛	19
Champion	23⅛	23
Chase Manhat	54⅝	55
Chem Bank NY	40⅛	41
Chevron	34⅛	35
Chrysler	32⅛	34
Citicorp	46	46
Clark Equip	30½	30
Coca Cola	61½	60
Colgate	25	25
CBS	79½	79
Columbia Gas	33⅜	33
Combustion Eng	37	36
Comwlth Edison	28⅛	28
Cons Edison	30⅛	30
Cons Foods	34⅛	35
Cons Power	6⅞	6
Control Data	38⅞	37
Corning Glass	39⅛	39
CPC Intl	40⅞	40
Crane	34⅛	34
Crocker Intl	25⅛	25
Crown Zeller	34⅛	33
Dart & Kraft	65⅛	60
Deere	30⅛	30
Delta Air	45	45
Detroit Edison	15¾	15
Digital Equip	110⅛	116
Disney	79⅛	76
Dow Chemical	29⅛	30
Dresser Ind	20⅛	21
Duke Power	29⅝	29
Du Pont	52⅝	53
Eastern Air	5⅛	5
Eastman Kodak	69⅞	70
Eaton Corp	58	58
Emerson Elect	77	77
Evans Prod	4⅞	4
Exxon Corp	47⅞	47
Fed Dept Stores	57½	56
Firestone	18⅞	18
Fst Chicago	25⅛	25
Fst Interst Bncp	47⅞	47
Fst Penn Corp	7⅞	7
Ford	45	45
GAF Corp	29⅛	30
GTE Corp	42⅛	42
Gen Corp	40	40
Gen Dynamics	81⅛	83
Gen Electric	63⅞	64
Gen Foods	55	58
Gen Mills	53⅛	58
Gen Motors	78⅛	80
Gen Pub Util NY	12⅞	12
Genesco	5	5
Georgia Pacific	27	27
Gillette	58⅛	57
Goodrich	29⅛	29
Goodyear	28⅛	28
Gould Inc	25⅛	26
Grace	40⅛	41
Gt Atlc & Pacific	15⅛	14
Greyhound	28⅛	28
Grumman Corp	28⅛	29
Gulf & West	32⅛	32
Heinz H J	45⅛	46
Hercules	35⅛	36
Honeywell	64	65
IC Inds	33⅛	33
Ingersoll	49⅛	49
Inland Steel	25	25
IBM	132¼	132
Int Harvester	10⅛	10
INCO	13⅛	13
Int Paper	52⅛	54
Int Tel Tel	33⅛	34
Irving Bank	34⅛	34
Jim Walter	36⅛	36
Johnson & John	33⅛	35
Kaiser Alumin	16	16
Kerr McGee	32⅛	33
Kimberly Clark	55	51
K Mart	38⅛	37
Kroger	39⅛	39
LTV Corp	12⅛	13
Litton	73⅛	72
Lockheed	52⅛	52
Lucky Stores	19⅛	19
Manuf Hanover	35⅛	40
Manville Cp	8⅛	8
Mapco	32⅛	32
Marine Midland	33⅛	33
Martin Marietta	52⅛	51
McDonnell	80	81
Mead	39⅛	39
Merck	98⅛	96
Minnesota Mng	83⅛	84
Mobil Oil	28⅛	28
Monsanto	49⅛	46
Morgan J P	46	48
Motorola	36⅛	37
NCR Corp	29⅛	29
NL Industries	11⅛	12
Nabisco	54⅛	53
Nat Distillers	24⅛	25
Nat Med Ent	28⅛	28
Norfolk Sthrn	66⅛	66
NW Bancorp	26⅛	25
Occidental Pet	29	28
Ogden	30⅛	30
Olin Corp	35⅛	36
Owens-Illinois	40⅛	40
Pacific Gas Elec	17	17
Pan Am	4⅛	4
Penney J C	49⅛	49
Pennzoil	45⅛	46
Pepsico	47⅛	47
Pfizer	39⅛	40
Phelps Dodge	19⅛	19
Philip Morris	89¾	90
Phillips Petrol	49⅛	49
Polaroid	26	25
PPG Ind	37½	37
Proctor Gamble	57	56
Pub Ser El & Gas	26⅝	25
Raytheon	48⅛	48
RCA Corp	40⅛	40
Reynolds Ind	78⅛	78
Reynolds Metal	39⅛	40
Rockwell Int	36⅛	36
Royal Dutch	54⅛	54
Safeways	31⅛	31
SFE Sopac	29⅛	29
SCM	48⅛	49
Schlumberger	42⅛	43
Scott Paper	39⅛	38
Seagram	42⅛	43
Sears Roebuck	34⅛	35
Shell Oil	55⅝	55
Shell Trans	34⅛	34
Signal Co	33⅛	34
Singer	38	37
Smithkline Beck	51	50
Sony	16⅛	16
Sth Cal Edison	22⅛	22
Sperry Corp	47⅛	47
Std Oil Indiana	60⅛	62
Std Oil Ohio	44⅛	45
Sterling Drug	27⅛	28
Stevens J P	18⅛	19
Sun Comp	49⅛	50
Teledyne	263⅛	265
Tenneco	39	40
Texaco	35⅛	35
Texas East Corp	30⅛	30
Texas Inst	119⅛	122
Texas Utilities	27⅛	27
Textron	42⅛	42
TWA	26⅛	26
Travelers Corp	43⅛	43
TRW Inc	79⅛	79
UAL Inc	46⅛	46
Union Carbide	39⅛	40
Unocal	48⅛	48
Un Pacific Corp	49	49
Uniroyal	16⅛	15
United Brands	13⅛	14
US Steel	28⅛	28
Utd Technol	44⅛	43
Wachovia	33⅝	34
Warner Lambert	37	37
Wells Fargo	52⅛	53
Westnghse Elec	32⅛	33
Weyerhauser	32⅛	32
Whirlpool	47⅛	47
Woolworth	41⅛	42
Xerox Corp	45⅛	44
Zenith	24⅛	24
CANADIAN PRICES		
Abitibi	41	41
Alcan Alumin	41⅛	41
Algoma Steel	22⅛	22
Bell Telephone	37⅛	37
Can Pacific	59⅛	59
Cominco	15⅛	15
Cons Bathurst	18⅝	18
Gulf Oil	17⅛	17
Hawker/Sid Can	22	21
Hudson Bay Mn	7⅛	7
Imasco	55⅛	53
Imperial Oil	47⅛	47
Int Pipe	33⅛	34
Mass-Fergsn	3.80	3.75
Royal Trustco	18⅛	18
Seagram	57⅛	57
Steel Co	22⅛	23
Thomson N 'A'	54⅛	54
Walker Hiram	27⅛	27
WCT	14⅛	15

● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Dow edges ahead

New York (AP - Dow Jones) - Shares continued to drift in early trading yesterday. The Dow Jones industrial average was up by 1.54 to 1,289.42. The transportation index had risen a fraction and the utilities index was down a fraction.

Volume was moderately active, with about 32 million shares traded. Declines remained ahead of advances by a slight margin.

Mr Jack Macnamara, a dealer with Yves Hentic, said: "I think we'll see a little more profit-taking as investors protect their gains over a three-day weekend. Later this afternoon, the market will get quiet."

Monday is the anniversary of Washington's birthday.

He saw "pressure on the blue chips" because sellers would be lined up to take profits if the Dow Jones industrials approached 1,300 once again.

Pan Am Corp was trading at 4½, up ¼, on 637,700 shares, despite reporting a loss for 1984 of $206.8 million on Thursday, against a 1983 loss of $51 million.

Huffy Corp. was down ⅜ at 13. It told Dow Jones it saw net income for the December quarter at 15 cents a share against 26 cents a year ago.

Phillips Petroleum was down ⅜ to 48⅝ on 636,800 shares.

Among the computer issues, Data General was up ⅜ to 58¼. Digital Equipment was up 1⅝ at 112¼ and IBM was up ⅛ to 132¼.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Mar 85	86.85	87.07	86.80	86.90	2478
Jun 85	88.25	88.54	88.25	88.35	427
Sep 85	89.10	89.15	88.94	88.96	65
Dec 85	88.88	89.15	88.88	89.00	41
Mar 86	NT			89.13	
Previous day's total open interest 6334					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Mar 85	90.84	90.87	90.73	90.74	3343
Jun 85	90.26	90.25	90.08	90.09	1938
Sep 85	89.67	89.69	89.55	89.56	149
Dec 85	89.23	89.28	89.23	89.12	53
Mar 86				88.76	0
Previous day's total open interest 14466					
US Treasury Bond					
Mar 85	72-21	72-21	71-30	72-00	1531
Jun 85	NT			71-00	
Sep 85	NT			71-00	
Dec 85	NT				
Previous day's total open interest 2303					
Long Gilt					
Mar 85	104-26	105-09	104-12	104-12	2755
Jun 85	105-03	105-04	105-00	104-18	32
Sep 85	NT			108-04	0
Dec 85	NT			107-27	0
Mar 86	NT			107-16	0
Previous day's total open interest 5227					
FT-SE 100					
Mar 85	128.20	129.15	127.55	127.85	267
Jun 85	128.00	128.30	128.00	128.15	5
Mar 86				128.50	0
Previous day's total open interest 1420					

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric tonne. G W Joynson and Co report

COCOA	
Mar	2118-15
May	2135-34
Jly	2119-16
Sep	2104-03
Dec	1984-78
Mar	1978-75
May	1975-60
Vol	181/4547
Tone	—

COFFEE	
Mar	2332-30
May	2389-68
Jly	2404-01
Sep	2435-32
Nov	2455-46
Jan	2442-40
Mar	2438-25
Vol	209/2247
Tone	—

RUBBER	
Mar	690-630
Apr	700-640
May	710-650
Jun	720-660
Jul	730-670
Aug	740-680
Sep	750-690
Oct	760-700
Nov	770-710
Apr/Jun	720-690
Jly/Sep	750-720
Vol	8 at 15 tonnes
Tone	—

GAS OIL	
Feb	250.75-5022
Mar	232.50-32.25
Apr	221.50-21.25
May	216.25-15.00
Jne	215.00-13.50
Jly	214.00-12.00
Aug	218.00-11.30
Sep	220.00-11.00
Oct	223.00-12.00
Vol	Nil/1839

SUGAR	
Mar	113.4-13.2
May	120.4-20.2
Aug	128.8-28.6
Oct	136.8-36.6
Dec	143.8-42.2
Mar	158.4-57.8
May	164.8-63.8
Vol	1728

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices: Official turnover figures
Prices in pounds per metric ton. Silver in pence per troy ounce. Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	1278-1279
Three months	1302-1302.50
T/O	12950-
Tone	Easy
STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	1274-1277
Three months	1297-1298
T/O	nil
Tone	Idle
TIN STANDARD	
Cash	10010-10020
Three months	10025-10030
T/O	355
Tone	Steadier
TIN HIGH-GRADE	
Cash	10030-10035
Three months	10040-10050
T/O	25
Tone	Steadier but quiet
LEAD	
Cash	335-336
Three months	343.0-343.50
T/O	5950
Tone	Easier
ZINC STANDARD	
Cash	780-781
Three months	775-776
T/O	5350
Tone	Steady
ZINC HIGH GRADE	
Cash	799-781
Three months	801-603
T/O	nil
Tone	Idle
SILVER LARGE	
Cash	566-568
Three months	585.2-585
T/O	[illegible]
Tone	Quiet
SILVER SMALL	
Cash	565.0-569.0
Three months	585.2-586
T/O	nil
Tone	Idle
ALUMINIUM	
Cash	1002.50-1003.50
Three months	1037.50-1038.50
T/O	6075
Tone	Steadier
NICKEL	
Cash	4500-4510
Three months	4600-4610
T/O	1020
Tone	Quiet

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
in US$ per oz.
Vol 100
Tone Quiet

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 15:
GB: Cattle, 95.79p per kg lw (+0.83).
GB: Sheep, 185.99p per kg est d c w (+1.28).
GB: Pigs, 78.58p per kg lw (-0.04).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 0.9 per cent, ave. price, 95.03p (+10.71).
Sheep nos. down 21.1 per cent, ave. price, 187.35p (+10.71).
Pig nos. down 9.3 per cent, ave. price, 78.58p (-0.04).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 0.9 per cent, ave. price, 95.95p (+2.85).
Sheep nos. down 19.2 per cent, ave. price, 181.92p (+8.12).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES MARKET

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Mar	£111.70	£111.80
May	£116.10	£114.95
Jly	£117.70	
Sep	£96.00	£96.25
Nov	£99.00	£99.75
Jan	£102.80	£103.40

Total lots traded
Wheat 187
Barley 179

APPOINTMENTS

Tatung (UK): Mr Michael Foster has been named deputy managing director and vice president.

Tesco Stores: Mr Richard Parsons has joined the board.

Bruntons (Musselburgh): Mr Peter C Adams has been made production director.

National Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Society: Sir Richard Butler has been named a general director.

Catalytic International: Mr David Watson is named president.


Richard Parsons: joined Tesco Stores board

St Michel Financial Services: Mr Robert Colvill becomes managing director.

Savills: Mr Robert S Langton becomes director of marketing.

London Grain Futures Market: Mr G E Hunnisett has been made chairman and Mr J Mills is named vice-chairman.

J. D. Williams: Mr Barry E Whitchurch, Mr Alan White and Mr Iain S McFarlane have been made directors.

Fisons: Dr T.S. C. Orr has been appointed director of research and development.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

The interbank market saw a good deal of money off the Continent in the early stages as the pound reflected the benefit of a retreating dollar.

Period interest rates, which fell back smartly for an active couple of hours, tended to back up a shade when things became quieter in the middle part of the day, but were easing again in the later stages.

The sharpest fall was seen at the long end, where the 12-month interbank term deposit eased 7/16 to 12⅝-¼.

The key three-month deposit fell ¼ to 13 11/16-9/16.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 14
Finance House 10½

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 14½ Low 6
Week fixed: 13½

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 months 13½; 3 months 13⅜
Selling: 2 months 13⅛; 3 months 13⅛

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 month 13 29/32-13 25/32; 2 months 13 9/16-13 7/16
3 months 13⅝-13½; 6 months 12 15/16-11 15/16

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 month 14 13/32; 2 months 14⅜
3 months 14; 6 months 12 13/16

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 14½-14½ close 14½-14
1 week 14½-14; 6 months 12⅞-12¾
1 month 14¼-14; 9 months 12⅝-12 9/16
3 months 13 11/16-13 9/16; 12 months 12⅜-12¼

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 14; 7 days 14
1 month 14; 3 months 13½
6 months 12½; 12 months 12¼

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 month 15-14½; 2 months 14¾-14½
3 months 14¼-14⅛; 6 months 13⅞-13¾
9 months 13⅛-13; 12 months 12⅞-12¾

Sterling CDs (%)
1 month 14¼-14⅛; 3 months 13½-13 7/16
6 months 12¾-12⅝; 12 months 12-11⅞

Dollar CDs (%)
1 month 8.7-8.6; 3 months 8.95-8.85
6 months 9.25-9.15; 12 months 10-9.8

TREASURY BILL TENDER
Applications: £259,340m allotted £100m
Bids at: 96.70% received 65%
Last week: 96.90% received 77%
Average rate: 13.1320% Last week: 12.3781%
Next week: £100m replace £100m

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	8⅝-7¾
7 days	8 7/16-8⅜	1 month	8⅝-8½
3 months	9-8⅞	6 months	9⅝-9½
Deutschmark		call	6⅛-5⅞
7 days	5 13/16-5 11/16	1 month	5 15/16-5 13/16
3 months	6 3/16-6 1/16	6 months	6⅜-6¼
French Franc		call	11-10
7 days	10⅝-10½	1 month	10⅞-10⅝
3 months	11½-11	6 months	11⅞-11⅝
Swiss Franc		call	2⅜-1½
7 days	1⅞-1⅝	1 month	5⅜-5¼
3 months	5⅞-5⅝	6 months	5 15/16-5 13/16
Yen		call	6⅛-6⅛
7 days	6⅛-6⅛	1 month	6⅜-6¼
3 months	6⅜-6¼	6 months	6⅝-6½

GOLD
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$313-314.50 (£284-285.50)
Sovereigns* (new):
$71.75-72.75 (£65-66)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD
Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period 2 January, 1985, to 5 February, 1985, inclusive: 11.840 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The dollar fell back sharply on foreign exchange markets meeting profit-taking and short covering ahead of the holiday in the US on Monday.

Having been taken down in the Far East overnight, the dollar opened in London at about DM3.2740. It fell to around a low of DM3.2525, before rallying to some extent, to close well off the bottom but still down against most currencies.

In mark terms the dollar gave up more than two pfennings on the day at DM3.2630.

The pound had a firm day, thanks mainly to the weakening dollar, and on hopes that the miners' strike may be settled soon.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range February 15	Market rates close February 15	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.0970-1.1055	$1.1022-1.1032	0.47-0.44c prem	1.21-1.16c prem
Montreal	$1.4700-1.4892	$1.4758-1.4783	0.47-0.41c prem	1.24-1.12c prem
Amsterdam	4.0686-4.0930fl	4.0748-4.0818fl	2¼-2c prem	6⅛-5⅞c prem
Brussels	72.19-72.77f	72.24-72.37f	22-16c prem	53-44c prem
Copenhagen	12.8800-12.9400k	12.8902-12.9074k	4½-3⅝ore prem	9-7⅝ore prem
Dublin	1.2399-1.2453p	1.1574-1.1584p	4 prem-13p disc	6 prem-38p disc
Frankfurt	3.5912-3.6115m	3.5981-3.6031m	2⅝-2⅜pf prem	6⅛-5⅞pf prem
Lisbon	197.20-201.60e	197.84-201.33e	190-525e disc	495-1385e disc
Madrid	199.00-200.00p	199.11-199.51p	25-10p prem	45-10p prem
Milan	2220.30-2235.40lr	2227.82-2235.86lr	par-2lr disc	5-9lr disc
Oslo	10.3270-10.3830k	10.3502-10.3817k	1⅝-⅞ore prem	4-3⅛ore prem
Paris	10.9930-11.0585f	11.0110-11.0430f	3½-2⅛c prem	6⅞-5⅞c prem
Stockholm	10.1860-10.2450k	10.2014-10.2327k	¾prem-½ore disc	1⅝-2⅛ore disc
Tokyo	281.98-285.38y	282.77-283.14y	1⅞-1⅝y prem	4⅞-4⅝y prem
Vienna	25.20-25.40sch	25.30-25.37sch	14⅝-13⅝gro prem	41⅛-38⅞gro prem
Zurich	3.0532-3.0725f	3.0586-3.0686f	2-1⅞c prem	5⅞-5⅝c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up 0.3 at 71.4 (day's range 71.2-71.8).

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	0.9515-0.9535
Singapore	2.2350-2.2400
Malaysia	2.5325-2.5375
Australia	0.7395-0.7405
Canada	1.3388-1.3403
Sweden	9.2575-9.2625
Norway	9.3875-9.3925
Denmark	11.7150-11.7200
West Germany	3.2670-3.2685
Switzerland	2.7802-2.7817
Netherlands	3.7010-3.7025
France	10.0000-10.0100
Japan	256.4-256.7
Italy	2021-2023
Belgium(Comm)	65.69-65.74
Hong Kong	7.7995-7.8010
Portugal	177-182
Spain	180.30-180.45
Austria	22.91-22.93

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina peso*	265.63-266
Australia dollar	1.4899-1.4934
Bahrain dinar	41.15-41.55
Brazil cruzeiro*	0.4172-0.4198
Cyprus pound	72.50-73.50
Finland markka	749-753
Greece drachma	145.45-147.45
Hong Kong dollar	8.6051-8.6147
India rupee	14.15-14.25
Iraq dinar	n.a.
Kuwait dinar (KD)	33.65-34.05
Malaysia dollar	2.7941-2.8022
Mexico peso	230-255
New Zealand dollar	2.4115-2.4191
Saudi Arabia riyal	391.30-395.30
Singapore dollar	2.4658-2.4737
South Africa rand	2.1015-2.1095
United Arab Emirates dirham	401.25-405.25

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
173	119	Aberdeen	173	..	7.5	4.3	..
100	58	Alisa	100 ●	..	2.0b	2.0	..
686	438	Alliance	686	+8	20.7	3.0	..
153	88½	Amer	153	..	3.6	2.4	..
296	218	Ang Amer Sec	296	..	7.6	2.6	..
427	310	Ashdown	427 ●	..	11.7	2.7	..
116	75	Atlantic Assets	116	+2	0.7	0.6	..
99	87	Bankers	99 ●	..	3.5	3.5	..
190	130	Berry	190	+2	1.4	0.8	..
172	117	Border & Sthrn	170	-2	4.7	2.8	..
107	79	Br Amer Gen	105	-2	3.7	3.5	..
212	140½	Br Assets	211 ●	-1	9.7b	4.6	..
30½	20½	Br Empire Sec	29½	..	1.3	4.4	..
356	251	British Inv	356	+1	18.3b	5.1	..
75	55	Brunner	73 ●	..	2.9	3.9	..
81	60	Charter Agency	81 ●	..	3.1b	3.8	..
640	416	Continental	640	..	25.7b	4.0	..
178	125	Crescent Japan	171	+3	1.1	0.7	..
400	275	Delta	400	..	..	..	..
109	80	Derby Inc	103 ●	-1	10.2	10.2	..
104	80	Do Cap	100	-1	..	..	..
234	241	Drayton Cons	284	..	12.7	4.5	..
148	86	Drayton Far East	144	+1	1.6	1.1	..
410	283	Drayton Japan	408	..	1.4	0.4	..
406	298	Drayton Premier	406	+2	16.4	4.0	..
171	140	Dundee Lon	171	+1	6.7	3.9	..
232	148	Edin Amer Asset	232	+1	1.3	0.6	..
114	87	Edinburgh	114	+2	3.7	3.3	..
282	210	Electric Gen	282	+2	4.8b	1.7	..
250	192	English Int	250	+4	9.5b	3.9	..
78	52	English Scot	77	-1	1.6b	2.1	..
104	68	English NY	104	..	3.6	3.4	..
93	69	F & C Alliance	93	+2	2.4	2.5	..
167	117	F&C Pacific	166	+1	5.0b	3.0	..
204	162	Family	202	..	9.4	4.7	..
265	194	First Scot Amer	262	..	8.6b	3.3	..
245	180	First Un Gen	180 ●	..	8.7	4.8	..
575	342	Fleming American	575 ●	+10	7.5	1.3	..
260	185	Fleming Claver	258 ●	..	12.4	4.8	..
258	180	Fleming Enterprise	255 ●	..	11.1	4.4	..
328	228	Fleming Far East	326	+4	2.9	0.9	..
108	83	Fleming Fledgling	105 ●	..	3.6	3.4	..
550	380	Fleming Japan	548 ●	+1	4.3	0.8	..
117	90	Fleming Mercantile	117	+1	4.0	3.4	..
134	82	Fleming Overseas	132 ●	..	3.3b	2.5	..
160	119½	Fleming Tech	160 ●	..	3.1	2.0	..
324	215	Fleming Universal	320	+4	9.6	3.0	..
147	99	For Col	143	..	3.6	2.5	..
120	88	GBC Capital	120	+3	..	..	..
181	120	GT Japan	174 ●	+1	2.0b	1.1	..
588	433	General Funds	588	..	13.8	2.3	..
257	184	General Cons	257	+5	13.1	5.1	..
119	77	Glasgow Stock	119 ●	+1	2.9	2.5	..
278	187	Globe	271 ●	-2	12.9	4.7	..
215	176	Greenfriar	212 ●	..	2.3	1.1	..
275	187½	Gresham House	270	..	5.7	2.1	..
158	114	Hambros	158	+1	5.4	3.4	..
254	187	Hill (P)	254	..	13.2	5.2	..
528	390	Invest-in Success	528	..	7.6	1.4	..
231	182	Inv Cap	231	..	5.2	2.3	..
84½	43	Japan Assets	80½	+½	0.1	0.1	..
304	215	Lake View	304	+2	6.4	2.1	..
184	130	Law Debenture	184	..	7.1b	3.9	..
83	64	Lon Merchant Sec	67	-1	2.8	4.2	..
107	71	Lon Trust	107	+3	3.9	3.7	..
98	70	Merchants	94	-1	4.0b	4.3	..
167	121	Monks	167	+2	3.4b	2.1	..
118	85	Murray Income	118	..	6.4	5.5	..
96	67	Murray Growth	96	+1	2.0	2.1	..
128	86	Murray Intl	126	-1	4.3	3.4	..
183	122	Murray Small	182	..	3.3	1.8	..
285	225	Murray Venture	285	..	6.3	2.2	..
393	303	New Court	381	+8	20.4	5.3	..
74	58	New Darien Oil	74	..	0.4e	0.5	..
177	133	1928	176	+3	7.9	4.5	..
43	34	Nthrhrg Inc 83	37½	-½	3.2b	8.6	..
378	258	New Tokyo	349	+1	2.1	0.6	..
312	222	Nth Atlantic Sec	372	+2	4.6	1.5	..
138	108	Nth Sea Assets	114	..	0.7	0.6	..
275	209	Nthn Amer	275	+6	7.7	2.8	..
137	97	Outwich	138	..	4.1	3.0	..
49	24	Personal Assets	48	+4	0.8	1.2	..
325	243	Raeburn	325 ●	..	13.6	4.2	..
133	93	River & Merc	133	+2	6.4	4.8	..
223	158	River Plate	223	+8	9.3b	4.2	..
190	138	Robeco	189	..	..	..	..
170	127	Rolinco	170	..	..	..	..
262	185	Romney	262	+2	6.3	2.4	..
11⅜	9⅝	Rorento	£10⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
310	237	St Andrews	308	..	11.0	3.6	..
270	191	Scottish	270	+3	7.4	2.7	..
232	174	Scot American	232	..	8.0	3.4	..
164	117	Scot Eastern	163	-1	5.9	3.1	..
297	270	Scot Mtge	297	+1	9.7b	2.4	..
238	186	Scot Nat	237	-1	6.1	2.6	..
129	92½	Scot Nthn	128	-1	4.7	3.6	..
380	285	Scot Merc 'A'	380 ●	+2	13.1	3.5	..
594	394	Secnd Alliance	594	+7	20.4b	3.5	..
121	84	Sec Of Scotland	120	+1	5.3b	4.4	..
74	51	Smaller Cos	73	-1	2.2	3.0	..
36	32	Stewart Enterp	35½	+½	0.6	1.8	..
144	93	Stockholders	144	..	3.4	2.3	..
111	75	Tr Australia	100	..	2.9	2.9	..
85	59	Tr City Of Lon Dfd	84 ●	..	4.4b	5.3	..
152	121	Tr Ind & Gen	151	..	4.8b	3.2	..
260	201	Tr Natural Res	255	..	10.7	4.2	..
219	159	Tr North America	219	..	4.8b	2.2	..
233	192	Tr Pacific Basin	298	..	2.9b	1.0	..
140	107	Tr Property	138	..	4.7	3.4	..
100	68	Tr Tech	99	..	2.4	2.4	..
137	98	Tr Trustees	137	..	4.9	3.5	..
113	85	Temple Bar	119	..	6.2b	5.2	..
233	160	Throgmorton	226 ●	..	10.7	4.7	..
273	211	Throg Secured Cap	265 ●	..	..	..	..
160	123	Trans Oceanic	160 ●	..	4.6	2.9	..
120	83	Tribune	120 ●	..	2.8	2.3	..
81	67½	Tripleyest Inc	77	..	12.4	16.2	..
209	152	US Debenture	209	..	9.3	4.5	..
95	73	Viking Resource	82	..	1.6	1.9	..
76	53	Westpool	54 ●	..	2.0	3.1	..
99	80	Winterbottom Enrgy	99 ●	..	1.0	1.0	..
157	109½	Witan	157	+2	3.8	2.4	..
282	207	Yeoman	282	+2	12.3	4.4	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
500	345	Akroyd & Smithers	375	..	23.6	6.3	14.6
39⅛	19⅝	American Express	£38⅛	-⅞	..	..	..
29	15	Argyle	23	..	0.7	3.1	26.4
105	64	Boustead	85	..	..	..	..
115	63	Britannia Arrow	105	+4	3.3	3.1	21.8
113	77	CJR Pacific	110	+1	..	..	..
44	23	Do Warrants	41	..	..	..	..
13⅛	6⅞	Daily Mail	£12⅞ ●	+⅛	55.0	4.5	13.0
13⅛	6⅞	Do 'A'	£12⅞ ●	+⅛	55.0	4.5	13.0
121	89	Electra	121	..	5.1	4.2	32.3
148	80	Eng Assoc	96 ●	..	4.3b	4.4	13.9
688	363	Exco	653	-15	11.8	1.8	24.7
77	53	Exploration	75	..	4.5	6.0	12.2
12½	9	First Charlotte	10	..	0.1	0.7	90.9
875	670	Framlington	775	..	12.9	1.7	19.9
108	72	Frost (JJ & D)	72	..	4.0	5.6	18.7
59	42	Goode (D & M)	46 ●	..	1.8	3.9	6.8
653	357	Henderson Admin	658	+10	15.7	2.4	13.9
5⅞	2⅝	M & G	£4⅝	..	17.9	4.0	17.9
420	215	Martin (RP)	400	..	17.9	4.5	9.8
467	247	Mercantile House	354 ●	..	17.5	4.9	9.0
415	255	Mills & Allen	355	..	20.0	5.6	10.9
123	70	Smith Brothers	99	..	7.9	7.9	4.2

AUTHORIZED UNIT TRUSTS

Prev W'end offer	Ch'ge on Week	Trust	Bid	Current Offer	Yield
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

● Ex dividend. * Not available in the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous days price. a Ex all. c Dealings suspended. e Sub-divided. f Cash value for £100 premium. g Ex bonus. h Estimated yield. k Yield before Jersey tax. p Periodic premium. s Single premium. Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Thursday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of each month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month.

INSURANCE BONDS AND FUNDS

Prev W'end Offer	Ch'ge on Week	Trust	Bid	Current Offer	Yield
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Budget fear trims the leaders

By Derek Pain and Sam Spooner

Shares were undermined yesterday by the growing conviction that the Budget tax cuts will at best be minimal and although sterling firmed and the pit talks looked almost promising, the FT 30-share index finished 4.8 points lower at 979.9 points.

But Government stocks made up for the lacklustre equity show. At one time gains reached a full point among index-linked stocks and £¾ among conventional gilts.

The Government Broker was able to sell about £400 million of the partly paid Exchequer "tap" 11 per cent 1990.

Although few leaders could make much headway, there were one or two bright spots.

Birmid, the lawnmower group which has on many occasions attracted takeover speculation, may soon venture along the bid trail on its own account. It hopes to make a do-it-yourself acquisition and may even descend on Spear & Jackson, the garden tools company. Spear's shares slipped 4p to 150p.

Vickers, the engineering and Rolls-Royce cars group, remained strong, despite recent worries about the low level of sales growth in America for R-R motors. One leading broker pitched into the market and picked up shares steadily over the past 48 hours in belief that, even without increased sales, the exchange rate differential will help Vickers produce profits of £50 million in the present year.

But Jaguar, which has powered ahead on optimism for demand for its cars in America, felt the cutting edge of profit-taking yesterday. The shares retreated 12p to 332p, sharply below recent peak levels.

Shares in **BSG International**, the old Bristol Street Motors Group, rose 1p to 23½p as stock market hopes of a takeover refuse to die down. A bid deal is still in the process of being worked out, having hit problems last month. A price of 25p a share is still favoured as the takeover value.

Lex Service Group, the once high flying Volvo cars to electronics components group, slumped 28p to 220p at one time after Phillips and Drew sharply pulled back its present year's profits forecast.

After visiting America, where Lex's electronics side is concentrated, Phillips analyst Mr Bill Seward has reduced his estimate from £51 million to £35 million.

At one time last year Lex, on the strength of its booming American side, touched 435p.

Mr Seward reckons Lex will have a flat first half with things picking up in the second six months. Next year, he feels, could produce a strong profits recovery.

The company's American side has been hit by de-stocking in the industry. And Mr Seward believes the Volvo cars side is likely to produce little growth this year.

Edmond Holdings, the old Allied Residential group, held at 13½p. There are suggestions that the company could be in line for a takeover bid. Taddale Investments, the over-the-counter traded investment group run by Mr Michael Carlton has 28.2 per cent of the shares.

Tranwood, the little hosiery maker which has sprung to life this week, gained a further 3½p to 15p. The story going the rounds is that an advertising agency is to be pumped into the company.

Avon Rubber shares rose 17p to 293p on the back of strong hopes for trading prospects. The interest in Dunlo Holdings has also spread to the Avon tyre business, helping the latter's price to new peaks from the beginning of this market account.

On the property development pitches **Ward Hldings** jumped 13p to 160p as the market began to look forward to the next set of profits figures. And **Trafford Park Estates** responded to recent optimistic comment with a 23p rise to 223.

John Waddington, the print, packaging and game group, continues to attract institutional buying. Since the failure of the British Printing & Communications Corporation second bid for Waddingtn two months ago, leading sckbrokers have put Waddingtc shares on their shopping lists ad the price has moved steadily back through the 500p mark. esterday Waddington sharespse 12p to 532p.

Stylo, the toe retail group which has larg property assets, was also on te move again. British Land ecently failed in its tender fer for voting control of 299 per cent of Stylo, but is bieved to be back buying the shes.

The tender offer priced Stylo at 185p, but the shares have traded around the 170p mark in the past ceple of weeks. Yesterdays te price jumped 15p to 186p s talks of British Land's return went around the market.

Town Centre Securities, the property company linked to Stylo through shareholdings and Mr Arnold Ziff – who is chairman of both companies – shared in the improvement for Stylo. Town Centre shares rose 2p to 45p.

Trading yesterday was fairly active with good two way business. But with institutional investors remaining on the sidelines and American buyers conspicuous by their absence there was little incentive for prices to move higher. Even so the market undertone remained confident.

The FT-SE share index closed 8.3 points down at 1,289.8 points.

Imperial Group, after its share fall on Thursday following ist good figures but lact of news on the Howard Johnson front, was actively traded, closing just 2p lower at 200p.

Hillsodwn Holdings, the new issue success, ended at 173p. It tourched 180p in first time dealings on Thursday.

Bank shares wobbled uncertainly. The Brazilian debt problems left most lower but **Lloyds Bank**, with its big South American exposure, suffered particularly severely. It fell 25p to 564p.

Insurance shares slipped by between 3p and 12p. **Booker McConnell**, on the Dee Corporation takeover, eased 6p to 255p.

Oils were lower despite higher crude prices. But Lasmo was helped 5p better to 378p on drill prospects in Indonesia.

Falcon Resources continued to lose some of its recent high ground, dropping 20p to 229p. **Great Western Resources** also felt the pinch, slipping 20p to 250p.

Associated Fisheries gained 6p to 111p as market men look forward to the next stage in the company's relationship with Eastern Produce, holder of 44 per cent of AF's shares. Eastern Produce can buy up to another 2 per cent a year from now on, and, despite the concern about AF's businesses, the City obviously fancies the tea plantations group to do just that.

James Finlay, the overseas trader also associated with the tea business, continued to move sharply higher. The shares rose to 162p at one stage yesterday before closing at 156p, up 6p on the day.

Expect good profits news this week from Waterford Glass. The shares have done little since an abortive takeover approach last year. The weak pound has increased its US position and with volume gains the company will now return to reasonable margins. Some in the City are looking for a pretax figure up 35 per cent at around £13.5 for calendar 1984 and, if margins rise further, £18 million this year. The shares were a ½p firmer last night at 45p.

John Swire & Son has close on 30 per cent of Finlay shares, and there is talk of an all-out bid. But Lonrho, the overseas trader led by Mr "Tiny" Rowland, is also thought to be looking acquisitively in Finlay's direction.

BTR eased 10p to 644p and **Dunlop Holdings** crept ½p higher at 46p.

TEMPUS

New tap leaves long end traders in a quandary

The Government Broker strode into the stock market yesterday, tossed a new tap into the laps of the jobbers – £400 million of Treasury 2½ per cent 2013 – and immediately left traders at the long end scratching their heads.

The rationale behind the issue, from the authorities' point of view, is simple Index-linked stocks have been impressively firm throughout the week, compared to the broadly-dispirited performance of conventional gilts. Operating on the principle of: "If it moves, tap it," the authorities opted to feed the demand, hoping to signal, by the small scale of the issue, that the motivation behind the move was market control rather than funding imperative.

The move to fund through a fresh issue was enhanced by the poor demand for last week's offering, £1 billion of Exchequer 11 per cent 1990. The new stock spent most of the week stranded below the tender price of £20 per cent, mainly because the foreigner – notionally the obvious buyer – has switched interest from London to Frankfurt and New York.

True, the Government Broker managed to sell about half the stock yesterday at £20⅛. But traders claimed he ought to have exhausted the whole tap.

Superficially, therefore, it makes sense to launch a new category of stock.

But long traders last night claimed to spy more up the GB's sleeve than his elbow.

The market is more or less convinced that the Budget will contain some form of fiscal offensive against pension funds. Some forecast a 10 per cent tax on income. This move, if it materializes, should remove the pension funds' normal discrimination against low coupon stocks, because all incomes will be squeezed.

But simultaneously, it makes the index-linked sector especially attractive. The bulk of the total return here is linked to capital growth and also open-ended because of the connection with inflation rates. Hence, last week's interest in the sector.

But by issuing the new tap stock, is the Government Broker actually endorsing market fears of a pension fund tax. Last night, the market was more or less convinced that he was, a fact which, if true, holds out the possibility of yet more volatility at the long end, as prices adjust to a new fiscal regime.

Whatever the ultimate resolution of such ambiguity – March 19 is not too far away – the new issue seems assured of a welcome reception, not least because of equity funds' current interest in index-linked. Treating such gilts as public sector equity proxies makes them very attractive at present stock market levels. London looks toppy, and the current yield differential has faded away to nothing.

Yarrow

Yarrow's decision not to make a tender to repurchase from the Government the shipyard it once owned is quite understandable. The company must feel a little like a schoolboy who had his dictionary confiscated by the headmaster and is then invited to bid for it at an end-of-term auction.

The shipyard which once accounted for 80 per cent of the company's business was nationalized in 1977. Yarrow received a meagre £6 million for what and has continued to be a highly profitable yard. Eight years later the company would be obliged to fork out about five times that amount in a period where the retail price index has only doubled.

A price of about £30 million would probably be out of Yarrow's reach in any case, but the simple mathematics do encourage a degree of sympathy for Yarrow's pursuit of compensation through the European courts.

The outcome of its claim should be known by the summer and if its successful Yarrow could find itself with a useful addition to its cash resources of up to £30 million.

Perhaps a more important reason for Yarrow's refusal to entre into the shipyard fray is that it would not fit into the group's structure any longer. Since the shipyard disappeared Yarrow has been creating an entirely different operation.

The engineering consultancy has been expanded and has now established a reputation worldwide for its expertise in high-technology engineering. In a similar technology based mode the company's other main division, transaction engineering, has also made substantial progress.

Slowly but surely the company has become technology oriented. Not something which could really be said for naval shipbuilding.

The decision not to make a bid for the shipyard did nothing to dampen the stock market's enthusiasm for the shares. The price rose another 5p to 425p. This includes an element of expectation about a satisfactory conclusion to the compensation claim, but even without this Yarrow still has a solid balance sheet.

It is ungeared at the moment and has liquid funds of £9 million. Do not be surprised if Yarrow shortly makes an announcement of acquisition activity.

The amounts at stake will not be earth-shattering, but enough to indicate that the company is moving firmly in the right direction.

Traded option highlights

Traded options business remained subued, with a total of less tha 8,000 contracts changing ands yesterday. Three compales accounted for the lion's shre of trade: British Telecom, Iperial Group and Jaguar.

In BT otracts, 1,020 calls and 461 puts were traded as market men's interest in the group returned to earlier high levels. The underlying share price stayed relatively firm in the dull mid-account market.

Imperial – its annual figures revealed earlier in the week – stays in the limelight as investors wait for more news on Howard Johnson, the American subsidiary which Imperial is on the verge of selling. Jaguar is also popular on the back of US news; its cars are selling well in North America, making analysts ever more optimistic about the size of dollar earnings.

COMPANY NEWS

● **TATE AND LYLE:** The board has approved the acquisition by Redpath, jointly with Tate and Lyle ou a 50-50 ass, of Colonial Sugars of Mobile, Alabama. For its 50 per cent interest, Redpath will pay some $4 million (£3 million) on closing, a further $-.7 million in Jan 1986 and a possible further sum in Jan 1989, depending on Colonial's profits in the intervening period.

● **RIVER PLATE AND GENERAL INVESTMENT TRUST:** Final 5.5p making 7.2p (6.2p) for 1984. (Figs £000). Gross income 1,979 (1,77). Expenses 201 (199). Interest cges 126 (64). Tax 507 (513). Net revenue 1,145 (997).

● **HONG KONG AND CHINA GAS:** Hng Kong and China Gas plans to raise about HK$347 million (41 million), through a one-for-fr rights issue of 64.86 million ew shares at HK$5.50 each. Th issue will maintain the *balance of contributions to capital* spending made by debt and equity. The sue is underwritten by Schroders Asia, East Asia Warburg, and Yardley.

HKGas said it expected an 18 per cent se in gas sales this year adding that he company is entering a new phase of rapid development requiring large outlays of capital.

● **FLETCHER CHALLENGE:** Crown Forest Industries, a subsidiary of Fletcher. Figures in $Can millions. Sales 740.8 (727.3) for 1984. Loss, before tax, 12.8 (33.1). Tax credits 7.9 (15.9). Extraordinary item 219 (nil). Crown Forest is confident that 1985 will be a profitable year because of the performance of its pulp and paper division and the recent realignment of its coast wood products operations.

● **MS INTERNATIONAL:** Half-year to Oct 27. No interim (single dividend 0.1p last time). (Figs in £000). Turnover 29,761 (31,694). Trading loss 614 (profit 1,749). Pretax loss 1,511 (profit 819). After interest paid 897 (930). Depreciation 1,127 (1,112) and foreign exchange losses 393 (gain 226). Tax credit 400 (charge 150). Extraordinary items, 185, comprising closure and rationalization costs. Loss per share 4.6p (earnings 2.8p).

● **C. D. BRAMALL–MANOR NATIONAL:** Agreement has been reached for Bramall to make offers to Manor National. Terms: for every 40 ordinary shares in Manor, £4.00 cash and one new ordinary share of Bramall. For each preference share in Manor, 85p cash. For each £1.00 nominal of loan stock, 2003, of Manor, 80p nominal of a new 13 per cent, unsecured loan stock, 2003, of Bramall.

● **DRAYTON JAPAN TRUST:** Final 2p, making 2.5p (3p) for 1984. Figures in £000. Dividends and interest 2,358 (3,027). Deposit interest 757 (56). Underwriting and other commissions 31 (11). Expenses and interest 1,850 (2,212). *Pretax revenue 1,296 (882).* Tax 228 (731). Basic EPS 3.8p (0.41p).

● **DRAYTON PREMIER INVESTMENT TRUST:** Final 9.75p, making 12.75p (11.5p) for 1984. Figures in £000. Gross income 6,978 (6,156). Pretax net revenue 6,222 (5,551) after expenses and interest

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Access Satellite Int 5p Ord (150a)	210
Alexandra Workwear 10p Ord (100)	125
Bennett & Fountain 10p Ord (10a)	14½
Bluebird Toys 10p Ord (90a)	143+5
Candover Inv 25p Ord (160)	198–4
Cons Tem Inv 20p Ord (105a)	98–2
GBC Capital Com Shares NPV	120+5
Hillsdown Hldgs 10p Ord*	173–5
Kingsley & Forester 20p Ord (82)	55
Mercom Int 10p Ord (a)	290
Optometrics (U.S.A.) 1c par value (55pa)	47
Pacific Assets Tst 50p Ord (100)	83½+½
Penny & Giles 25p Ord (130a)	165+2
Process Systems Com Stk ($0.025)	81–2
Spatax Television 25p Ord (68a)	103+4
Synapse Comp Serv 5p Ord (174a)	215
Wardle Storeys 10p (132)	215–1
Whitworth's Food 5p Ord (85a)	125
Williams (F) Leisure 5p Ord (20a)	26½+½

Issue price in parentheses a Unlisted Securities, * by tender.

● **BOGOD-PELEPAH:** Six months to Sept 30. Interim 0.1p (same) per ordinary and 0.2p (same) per "A" ordinary. Figures in £000. Turnover 2,294 (2,997). Pretax profit 100 (135).

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Link House	235p	745p	217%
Quest Automation	35p	60p	72%
Westminster and Country Props	110p	145p	27%
Powell Duffryn	336p	420p	24%
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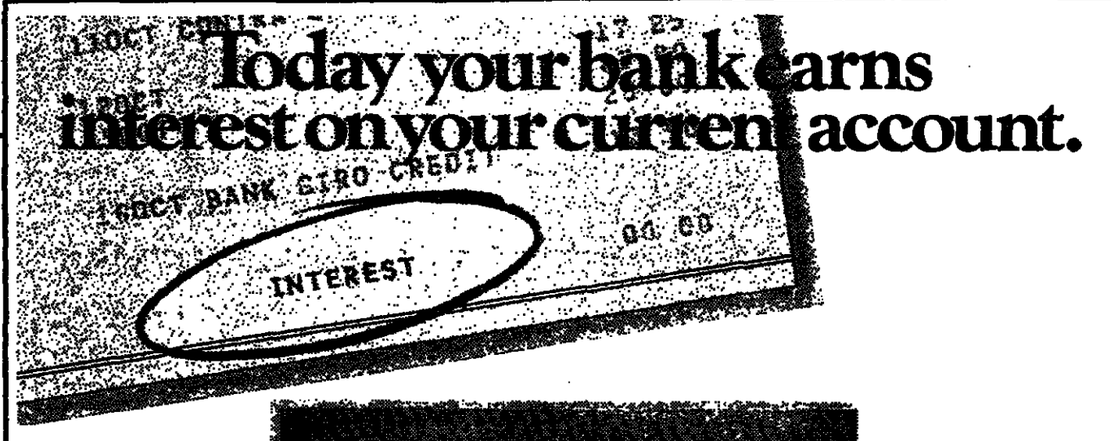
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1970	**463**	650	**10,760**	10,000
1975	**528**	871	**15,300**	10,000
1980	**1,660**	1,200	**24,280**	10,000
1984	**2,018**	853	**54,300**	10,000

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1965	**31,947**	26,230	13,492	16,093
1970	**47,537**	30,540	17,143	21,636
1975	**81,843**	39,620	33,107	31,651
1980	**200,813**	61,600	62,494	49,931
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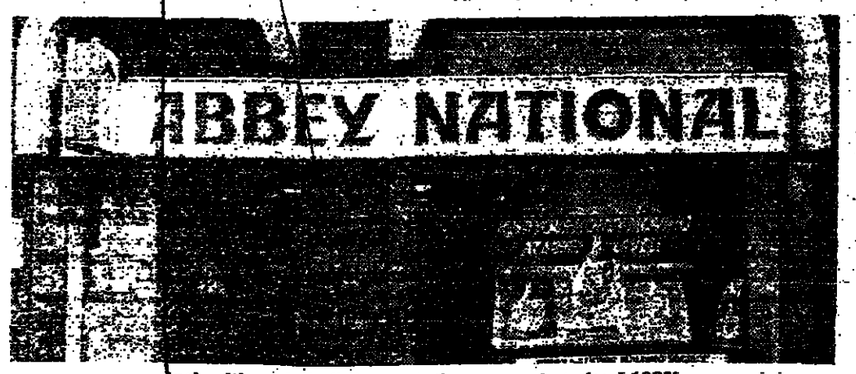
MORTGAGES

First-time buyers can cash in on 100% home loans

The eagerness of the building societies to lend is becoming increasingly obvious. They are flush with funds but beginning to get anxious that mortgage demand remains unusually low.

Their latest marketing ploy is to make 100 per cent mortgages easier to obtain than ever before.

Those most likely to benefit from 100 per cent home loans – a loan for the full purchase or valuation price of the house – are first-time buyers. Such people are often paying high rents in private accomodation and are too young to have saved the necessary deposit on a house.



Flush with cash: building societies are ready to lend 100%

Since their earning power tends to be low, building societies have previously been reluctant to hand over a loan of 100 per cent on which the repayments are higher than on smaller loans. Moreover, 100 per cent loans represent a greater risk for the lender than a loan for, say, 80 per cent of the property value.

This attitude is changing. The Midshires building society has recently started advertising 100 per cent loans and many of the big societies are also more willing to consider them.

The simplest type of 100 per cent home loan is when the building society agrees to advance the whole amount to the borrower directly out of its own funds. Their requirements for giving these loans are flexible and tend to be broadly the same from one society to another.

The Halifax, for example, says it prefers to give 100 per cent loans to first-time buyers. Its maximum loan of £35,000 is not regarded as excessive for first-time buyers.

The Halifax, in common with many societies, does not require 100 per cent borrowers to be investors. "They do not have to be members but of managers tend to restrict the loans to members with good savings records", Mr Roy Gravestock, assistant general manager, reported.

The message from most societies is simply that as long as the potential borrower has a reasonable salary and a secure job, he will be considered for a 100 per cent loan.

Before taking out a mortgage for the full house value, the borrower should keep an eye on the interest rate charged. The extra 10 or 20 per cent he is borrowing above normal mortgage could burn him up into a higher interest rate band for the whole of his loan. So a borrower with the Halifax, for example, taking out £28,000 loan to buy a house worth £32,000 would currently pay interest at 13.5 per cent. But if he borrows the full £35,000 he will have to pay 0.5 per cent more.

Only two societies do not apply differentials to bigger loans: the Nationwide and the Woolwich. While the Nationwide lends up to 100 per cent of a property's value, it is not keen to do so. The Woolwich will not even consider the idea.

The other type of 100 per cent mortgage is an ordinary loan of, say 80 per cent, from the building society topped up by further loan from an insurance company. This top up package is the type now being marketed actively by the Midshires building society.

It should be treated with caution. The Midshires package offers a loan from the society of 75 to 95 per cent of the property value at the endowment mortgage rate. On this part of the loan a borrower would pay 14.375 per cent on a £32,000 mortgage. On the remaining top-up portion of the loan, supplied by Royal Insurance under this scheme, the borrower would pay 14 per cent.

But while the building society's part of the loan is at a variable rate, as with other society loans, the top-up rate is fixed. That is fine if interest rates rise or stay the same. But they are already at historically high levels. If and when they fall again, a borrower taking out a top-up loan could pay several percentage points above the prevailing market level.

Though not all top-up packages include a fixed-rate element, it is worth checking because the costs may be considerably higher than other methods.

While building societies are waking up to the idea of 100 per cent mortgages, banks are more reluctant. None of the American banks, for example, which have recently entered the British mortgage market so aggresively will lend more than 90 or 95 per cent. The reason is simple. They do not have spare funds. They fund their lending from the money markets and are more able to keep their supply of sunds in line with demand. But building society rates are not so flexible and at the moment there is an excess of deposits over demand. If this continues, the answer will be for building societies to reduce their rates.

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TOP SOCIETIES' MAXIMU LOANS

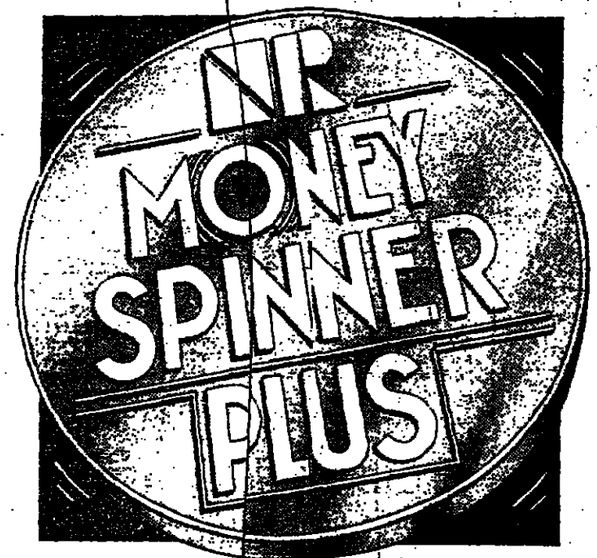
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Nationwide	yes	yes	30,000	–
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Nat & Provincial	yes	no (80%)	40,000	variable
Anglia	yes	no (80%)	30,000	–
Alliance	yes	yes	35,000	–
Bradford & Bing	yes	yes	40,000 (pre 1914)	–
Leicester	yes	yes	30,000 (post 1914)	–
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Bristol & West	no (95%)	–	–	–
Yorkshire	yes	yes	30,000	–
Gateway	yes	yes	depends	–
Northern Rock	yes	yes	depends	–
Midshires	yes	no	depends (v choosy)	–
Leeds Permanent	yes	yes	40,000 depends	fixed rate

Table compiled by Richard Hale

Building Society Choice

Our apologies to Building Society Choice for incorrectly stating that their computer-based update on building society investment account "best buys" did not contain the North Wilts and Ridgeway Building Society. As their table showed, reproduced alongside, this building society was indeed included in their listings. It was not our intention to detract from their service, merely to highlight the difficulties of keeping abreast of changes in building society rates.

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FAMILY MONEY

Rothschild trusts

A range of inheritance trusts is being offered by Rothschild Trust Company "designed to enable wealthy individuals to start their capital transfer tax planning with maximum flexibility and financial protection", says Rothschild.

The trusts allow the settlor to include himself and/or his spouse as beneficiary, and the individual's standard of living need not suffer as he can still receive income from the settled assets. He can also unwind the situation and receive capital if family circumstances change and he needs to retrieve some of his assets.

Money signed over to the trust is invested in unit trusts and an insurance company bond. Details of how they work are quite complicated and anyone contemplating such a Capital Transfer Tax avoidance device should take professional advice.

Rothschild coming into this somewhat controversial area of tax avoidance might be regarded as an omen. It was on the day that Rothschild took a party of journalists to the Channel Islands that the Chancellor decided to crack down on tax avoidance investments – offshore, roll-up funds – pioneered by Rothschild. Inheritance trusts have not had a question mark hanging over them and there could possibly be changes in the Budget.

New from Barclays

Barclays Bank is launching a new high interest deposit account on March 18. It will be available to personal customers and the minimum investment will be £1,000. Barclays is not yet announcing what rate of interest the new deposit account will pay – it will depend on money market rates at the time but it does say the rate will be higher than the ordinary seven days' notice account.

Deposits over £10,000 will earn still higher interest while the rate will be reduced to the ordinary seven-day deposit rate if you allow the balance in the account to fall below £1,000. Withdrawals can be made at any time and there will be no penalties.

Clearly this is a better deal than the ordinary seven days' notice account – even if you cannot afford to keep the £1,000 minimum balance in the account, as there are no penalties for immediate withdrawal. With the ordinary seven days' notice account you lose seven days' interest if you do not give notice of withdrawal. Details from Barclays Bank branches.

10% income

General Portfolio Life has revised its guaranteed income bond rates and is now paying as much as 10 per cent on four-year bonds. The income is paid net of basic rate tax, although higher rate taxpayers may have a further liability on encashment. Details from General Portfolio Life, Valley House, Crossbrook Street, Cheshunt, Herts, EN8 8JH. (Tel: Waltham Cross 31971.)

Yups scheme

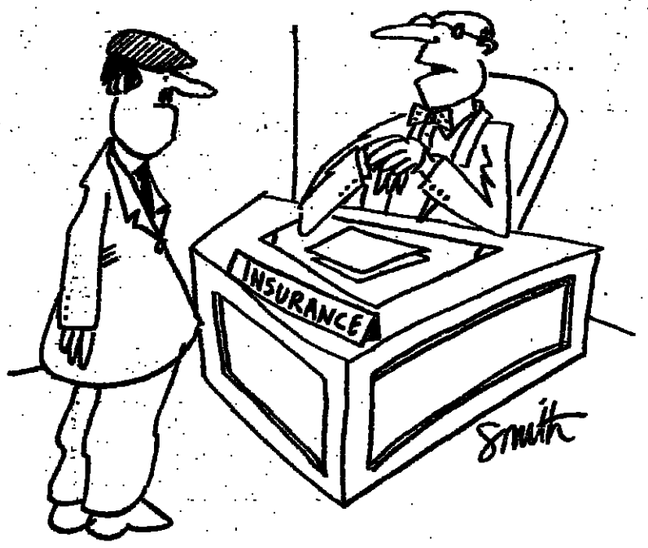
Insurance company marketing is definitely becoming more trendy with companies like UK Provident jumping on the "Yups" bandwagon offering a savings scheme for "young upwardly mobile and professional" investors.

Aimed at the under-35s, UK Provident's Planned Investment Plus is a regular savings plan with a low start premium which gradually increases to the full rate by year six. An initial investment of £20 a month offers a guaranteed £3,060 after 10 years with projected bonuses (estimated) bringing the total return up to £6,338, tax free.

Worthwhile life cover is thrown in – a man aged 30 would get £11,700 worth, which would increase by the addition of bonuses. As an initial incentive, UK Provident is offering the first month's premium up to £20 free. The guaranteed and projected total returns would put UK Provident among the top performers if it manages to meet its projections.

Alternatively, there is the UK Provident's Money Max 10 policy which requires no medical evidence of good health. A £30 a month investment would show a projected return of £6,882 after 10 years, with a guaranteed return of £3,321. If UK Provident meets its projections, the return is equivalent to an annual net yield of 12.71 per cent.

This policy too has a special offer of the first month's premium free. Investors wanting to take advantage of the special offers must have their application in by April 30, 1985. Detail from UK Provident, United Kingdom House, Castle Street, Salisbury SP1 3SM.



"I'm sorry, but we don't have a no claims bonus on life assurance"

Money talks

Financial seminars are becoming increasingly popular and Lady Wardington, who organizes money courses for women at the Stock Exchange and other City venues, has been called in to set up something similar for readers of *Woman's Journal*.

The seminar takes place at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London on April 24. Application forms are in the March issue of *Woman's Journal*. Speakers include Arnold Horner, accountant and senior lecturer in taxation at the City of Birmingham Polytechnic; Margaret Allen, financial consultant; Brian Baughan, investment adviser and member of the Stock Exchange; and Louise Botting, financial consultant.

The seminar lasts from 10am to 4.30pm lunch and wine is included in the price of £37.50. Full details in the March issue of *Woman's Journal*.

Dearer mortgages

Two of the clearing banks have just raised their mortgage rates. Lloyds increased its home loans rate to 13.25 per cent and simultaneously abolished the system of rate differentials which it introduced less than six months ago. Its rates varied from a basic cost of 11.75 per cent up to 12.75 for loans over £50,000. The new rate, therefore, means a jump of 1.5 per centage points for some Lloyds' mortgage borrowers.

Midland also raised its mortgage rate by one percentage point, from 12.5 to 13.5 per cent. Midland fixes its borrowers repayments annually, however, so repayments will remain unaltered until the next annual review.

Alliance extra

A new high interest account from Alliance Building Society is paying 9.5 per cent net of basic rate tax with the 2 per cent differential above the ordinary share rate guaranteed for a full year from the date of investment. To earn this higher rate of interest, you must be prepared to invest a minimum of £1,000 (maximum £30,000) and leave your money untouched for a year.

No withdrawals are permitted during the first 12 months. Interest is paid half-yearly but it can be taken monthly and paid direct into an Alliance ordinary share or Banksave account. Full details from Alliance branches.

Bucking a trend

John Fairairn, deputy chairman of M&G fund managers, was bucking the trend towards financial conglomerates when he said: "I do believe that a large investment house should not offer comprehensive financial planning services". While an investment house may provide all the ingredients, it must be left to other specialists to actually offer the service to the individual. By other, I mean professional advisers who are independent and impartial".

"Employed salesmen and tied agents are, by definition, partial and naturally biased in favour of their own companies and products.

"On the other hand, independent professional financial advisers are accustomed to shopping around for the most suitable fund or policy

Tax saving guide

There's nothing like a check list to jog the memory, so call in at any office of *accountants Arthur Andersen & Co for a* free copy of the firm's booklet. *Individual Year-End Tax Planning 1984/85.*

"With all the rumours about pensions, it would be sensible for everybody to consider their personal position and the booklet points out the important areas and the advantages still available," says Mr David Marks, of Arthur Andersen. "We haven't attempted to predict what will be in the Budget, but there are a lot of ideas for tax saving".

Lloyds 13% account

Interest of 13 per cent will be paid on *deposits of £2,500 or more invested in* Lloyds Bank's new High Interest Cheque Account, available from Monday. Customers will be able to write cheques in the normal way, withdraw up to £300 a day without formality from the bank's network of 16,000 cash machines and, unlike many other similar accounts, there will be no minimum amount constraint on writing cheques. Customers will also receive a cheque guarantee card as on a normal current account.

The minimum investment is £2,500 but if your balance falls below that amount, interest will drop to 10.5 per cent, – less than is paid on Lloyds' seven-day deposit account. The biggest drawback with the account is that you can write only three cheques a quarter free of charge – after that you pay 50p a cheque. This account is one to use as a deposit account and treat the cheque book facility as a convenient way to transfer money into your current account.

The Lloyds account does not come anywhere near the market leader – Citibank's Savings Cheque Plus accont which pays money market interest rates has no minimum investment, full cheque book facilties with no minmimum withdrawal, and has no charges for writting cheques.

INCOME

Mercury launches US fund

A new American Income Fund has been launched by Mercury Fund Managers, the fund management subsidiary of Warburg Investment Management. Most funds investing in the US launched over the last two years have aimed at capital growth. The Mercury fund reflects the opinion of many unit trust managers that it is not only safer but more profitable to invest in income-producing equities in present stock market conditions.

The fund aims to produce a gross yield of 5.5 per cent compared with an average yield in the US and Britain of 4.5 per cent, the company claims. However, Mercury also intends to produce some capital gains on the fund by investing in high yielding stocks which are also undervalued.

A further reason for launching the fund is that corporation tax on overseas investments at 52 per cent was prohibitive; but now that the tax rate is falling, the return from a US income fund will become more attractive.

As protection against a possible fall in the dollar, 50 per cent of the fund will be "hedged" at the outset. A proportion of the fund will be held in convertible stocks and fixed interest to protect the fund's yield.

Richard Thomson

BUSINESS EXPANSION SCHEMES

Beat the Budget with property investment

Details are now available of the St James Estates business expansion company which will be developing residential property in London.

United Trust and Credit is sponsoring the new BES company which is seeking to raise up to £6 million with an offer of 10 million 25p ordinary shares at 60p each. Application lists open on Monday and close no later than March 15, four days before the Budget.

Like the other asset-backed BES schemes, St James is hoping to raise the money before any possible intervention by the Chancellor to disallow property development as a qualifying BES investment. However, it is believed that the Chancellor is disappointed at the relatively small amounts which have gone into BES funds and supporters of the concept believe he will be reluctant to make a move this time round.

Investors in BES schemes qualify for income tax relief at their highest rate paid on up to £40,000 invested during the current tax year. Investments must remain within the BES scheme for a minimum of five years to be eligible for full tax relief.

St James Estates is one of a clutch of property-based BES schemes currently on offer.

Others include London & Bristol Developments and City Gate Estates, both sponsored by Johnson Fry; Lockton Developments, sponsored by Guinness Mahon; Restway Retirement Homes, sponsored by the stockbroking firm of Williams de Broe Hill Chaplin; and Fraser House Commercial Developments, sponsored by Robert Fraser. All will be open to applicants until Budget Day unless they reach their maximum investment.

"The number of enquiries has been absolutely unbelievable", Mr Charles Fry of Johnson Fry commented. "I have sent out over 5,000 prospectuses on each scheme so far, in response to enquiries."

This week's prospectus from St James Estates offers investors another opportunity to take a stake in the development and reconstruction of high-quality London property "with an eye to international buyers where the weakness of sterling has enhanced the attraction of a London home", says the St James prospectus.

The company is geared two-to-one on borrowing which increases the potential profitability, but makes the company more vulnerable to sudden hikes in interest rates, unless it can arrange fixed-rate financing.

Completed developments will be sold and Keith Cardale Groves, the chartered surveyors, have been retained to produce independent valuations.

Anyone wanting to invest in any of the BES schemes should contact the sponsors, all of whom are based in London. United Trust & Credit is sponsoring the St James Estates issue and full details are available from UTC Securities Management, 55 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DB (Tel: 01-499 0223).

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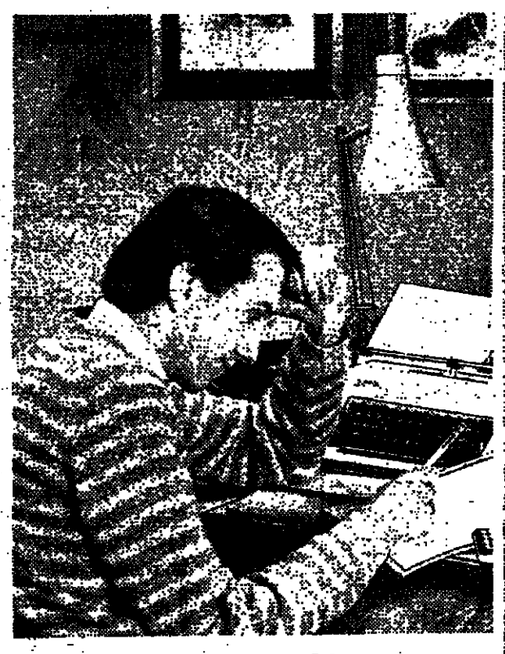
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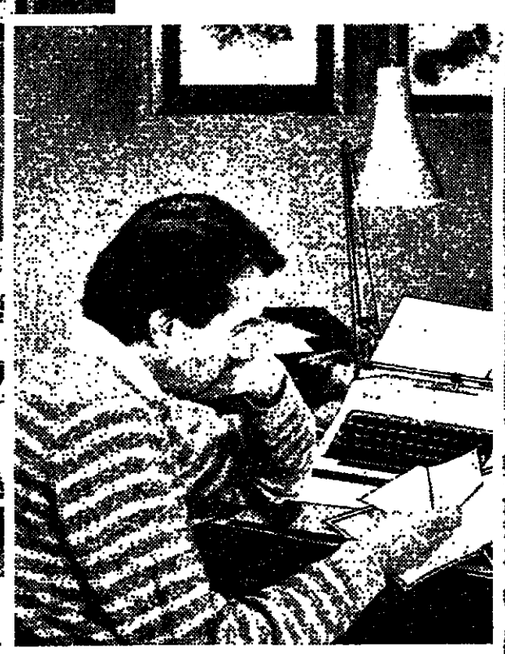
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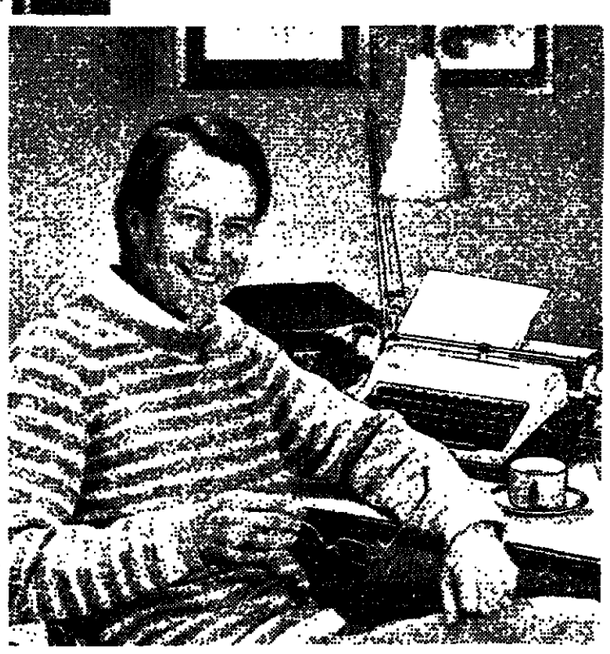
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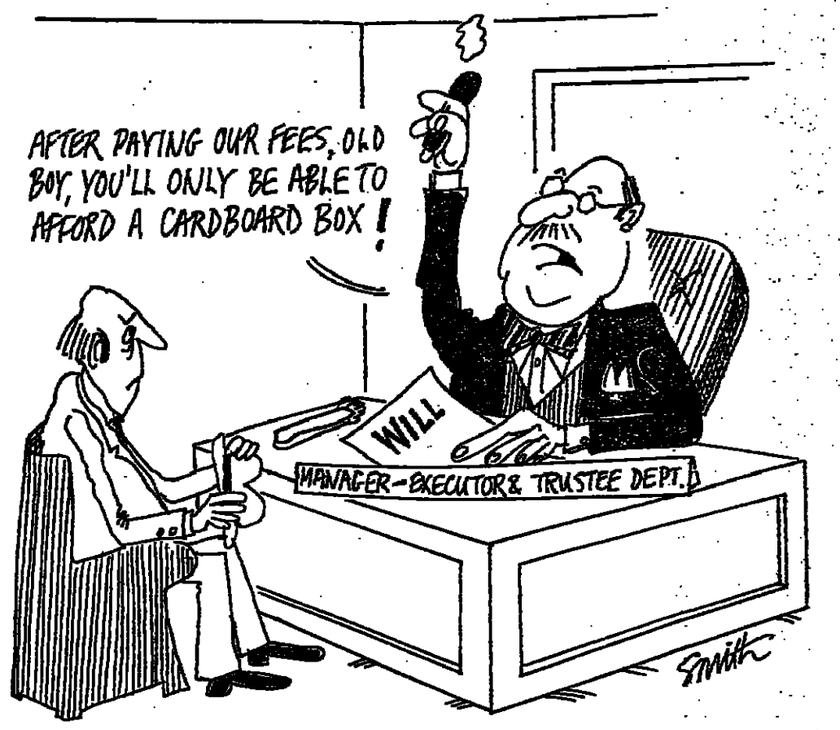
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FAMILY MONEY

ESTATE EXECUTORSHIP

Finding a will and a way to cut costs



"Do not leave your money to chance," says the glossy Barclays booklet, *Wills and Trusts*, currently being offered to customers.

Appointing a bank as executor of your estate can be an expensive business, particularly if it is a simple affair. Just how expensive was pointed out to us recently by one reader who decided to deal with his mother's estate himself rather than give the job to his bank – in this case Barclays.

He writes: "My mother died in May 1984 and I wound up her estate as sole acting executor. She left £106,850 – four separate legacies of £100 wih the residue divided equally between by brother and myself."

Our reader points out that being an executor is a time-consuming business – you have to value the assets and get grant of probate, and there is a lot of administration. But when he worked out what his bank would have charged the estate for doing it, he was in no doubt that he had done the right thing." Barclays, by my calculations would have charged £6,930 including VAT for its services."

How does a bank like Barclays go about charging for its executorship services? There is an initial £500 "responsibility fee" for taking on the estate. Then there is a charge of 2.5 per cent on the first £250,000. That alone would have cost our reader and his brother £3,171 on the gross value.

Then there is a scale of "activity fees." The bank's trust company charges £265 for every "relevant beneficiary" plus £50 for handling every asset over the value of £500 or 10 per cent of the value of every asset less than that. According to our reader's estimates of the amount of work he did, the bank's fees would have come to over £6,000 in total, with VAT bringing the sum up to nearly £7,000.

Executor fees are a fraught subject. On the one hand a lot of people regard the bank as a responsible executor – it is always there and it is honest. On the other, the beneficiaries of a will are often horrified to see what the bank charges are to distribute a simple estate. Our reader was in the position of choosing whether to turn the executorship over to the bank (his mother did not appoint any bank).

Most beneficiaries do not have the option. Where the bank has been appointed executor in the deceased's will, unless the beneficiaries can persuade it to relinquish the job, the estate is charged these hefty fees.

The big four banks have varying fee structures for executorship services, but without knowing the details of a particular estate, it is impossible to say which would work out the cheapest. The common denominator is the substantial fee levied on the gross value of the estate up front – regardless of how much work there is involved.

Lloyds and Midland, for instance, charge 3 per cent on the estates up to £100,000 with 2 per cent on the next £250,600. But this is only the beginning. On top of the "responsibility fees" come service or activity fees. Lloyds charges £40 for handling each asset, £24 for handling each liability (like the gas bill, for instance) and £16 plus broker's commission plus VAT on both for selling a shareholding.

Midland, on the other hand reckons in terms of "units" at £11.50 each with a minimum per estate of £250. The maximum number of units charged for any one "activity" is four. National Westminster, on the other hand, has a larger upfront fee then any of the banks. It charges 5 per cent on the first £50,000 and 3 per cent on the next £50,000 plus 2 per cent on amounts over and above this. NatWest does not appear to publish a fee scale and inquiries at the bank resulted in the information that there are additional "discretionary charges", according to the work done.

The banks, it must be said in fairness, have a problem on cost. As one bank trust department pointed out, "the whole business of sorting out an estate is labour-intensive and time-consuming. And there can be just as much work involved in dealing with a relatively small estate of, say, £25,000 as with an estate 10 times that size". Hence, the substantial "responsibility fees" charged on the gross value.

Solicitors have no scale rate – they charge, usually by the hour, for the work done. If it is a lot, they will probably work out as expensive as the banks.

On a relatively simple job where the main asset is a house to be sold and divided between a couple of children, a solicitor might well work out cheaper.

The third course, if it is open to you, is to do what our reader did and do it yourself – persuade your aged parents to nominate you as an executor in place of a bank or a solicitor.

Trust departments cite cases where lay executors have simply given up half-way through winding up an estate, simply because it became too much for them.

Our reader clearly thought that the trouble was worth it – he and his brother are nearly £7,000 better off between them as a result. If you find yourself acting as an executor there are books available on the subject, including *Wills and Probate* published by the Consumers Association. It costs £5.95 and is available from bookshops, or from the CA direct – the address is: Castlemead, Gascoyne, Hertford, ST14 1LH.

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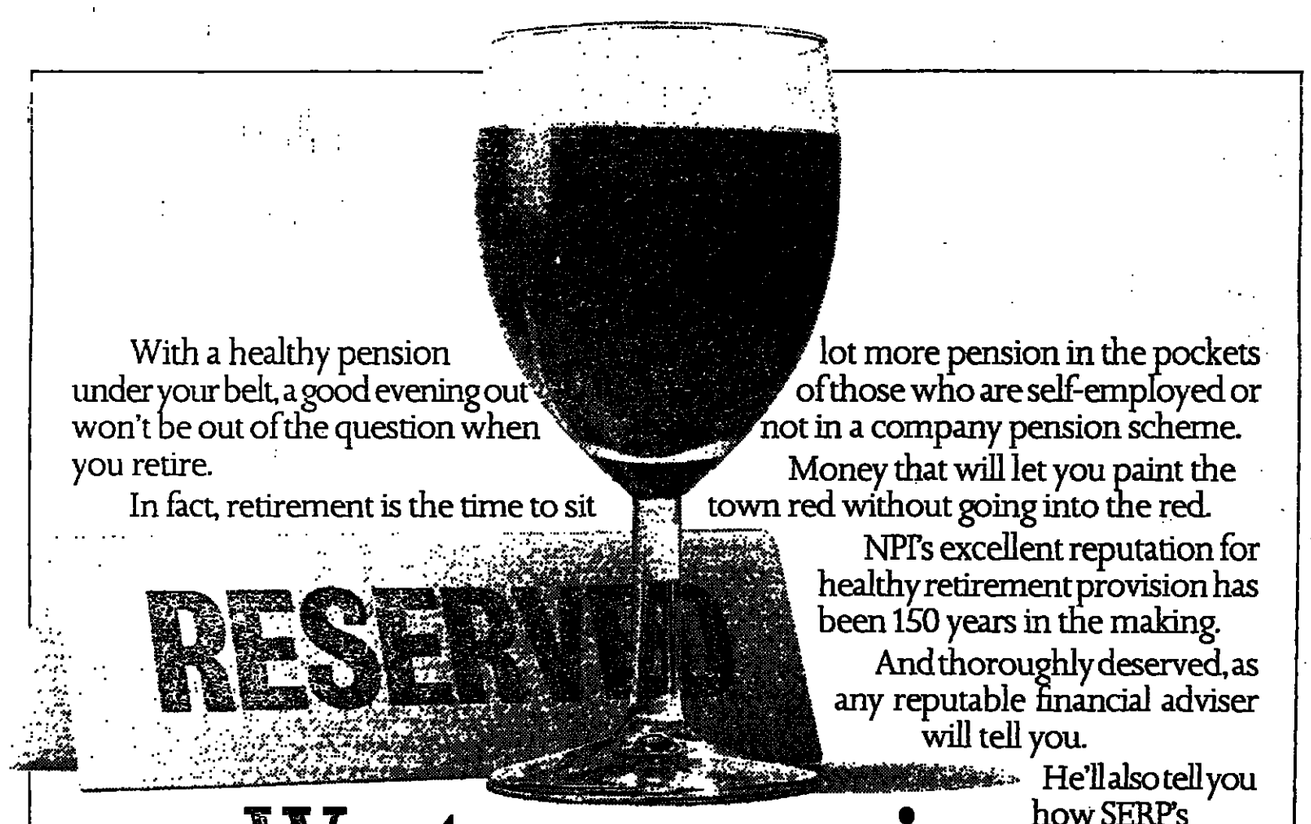
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It is a good deal, however, for anyone investing more than £10 a month, as the value of the rebated commission will be greater than the £25 fee. The investor also gets a year's subscription to Hargreaves Lansdown's publication, *The Unit Trust Investor*.

Commission as a form of remuneration has enormous drawbacks: varying levels offered by competing firms mean that the unscrupulous adviser will recommend an investment paying the highest commission rather than that offering the best prospects for the investor. And, of course, some of the best products pay no commission at all and were therefore never recommended by some advisers.

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BUILDING SOCIETIES

The lingering spectre of dearer home loans

Building society borrowers ought to be up in arms. This week Mr Richard Hornby, chairman of Halifax Building Society raised the spectre of even higher home loan rates when many building societies are becoming anxious about how they will actually get their money out on loan, some societies have begun to advertise the free availability of mortgages.

Mortgage queues have all but disappeared. "We can accept most reasonable requests", confirms Mr Brian Firmin of Abbey National, a society which has a range of differentials rising to 13.75 per cent for sums of £30,000 or more.

"The home loan market has not picked up to quite the degree that we normally expect at this time of the year. We have fairly healthy demand, but we are able to deal with virtually all applications", says Mr Firmin.

"Most building societies, especially the major ones, must be hoping that the next move in interest rates will be down if the mortgage rate were increased again, I think we might start to price ourselves out of the market; we are at the margin now."

But would the Abbey National advertise mortgages rather than stimulate demand by dropping loan rates? "I am not saying we will advertise, but it is something we might consider", said Mr Firmin.

Bristol & West, another society with high differentials on loans, tells a similar tale. "Loans – easy as winking", says Mr Brian Norris.

"We will lend up to three times earnings on any reasonable property and anybody can have it". Bristol & West is happy to lend to both members and non-members alike.

However, Bristol & West, in common with Britannia and others, believes that it is better to advertise home loans if necessary, rather than drop their rates. "We have taken radio advertisements in the South and South-east and used local papers and our own branch windows to advertise home loans", says Mr Norris.

He takes the view that advertising home loans iis justified because it enables a society to maintain high rates for investors.

Even societies such as Woolwich which along with Nationwide, charges a flat 12.875 per cent to all borrowers regardless of the amount lent, is having no difficulty at all in meeting demand for mortgages.

"We have no real waiting list at all and most of our managers are able to lend to non-members", says the Woolwich. If societies like the Woolwich are havingdifficulty finding borrowers, why is there any need at all to consider an increase in home loan rates?

The answer, in a nutshell comes from Mr Brian Norris of Bristol & West: "Building societies want to keep the funds flowing in because they want to maintain their asset growth".

While it is true to say that societies were unable to give investors a fair deal during the inflationary 1970s, savers now have no cause for complaint. A return of 9.0 per cent, net of basic rate tax when inflation is running at only 5 to 6 per cent, is generous; whereas the unfortunate borrower is paying about 13 per cent for his money which, even after tax relief, is still more than 9 per cent or a real rate of interest of around 4 per cent.

How serious is the threat of higher home loan rates? Halifax predicted a rise in home loan rates – only if seasonal demand for home loans picked up by more than they had budgeted for. Halifax's estimates of demand are based on last year's figures, which were themselves 30 per cent up on the previous year.

There is evidence to suggest that last year's boom will not be repeated this year. Those people who urgently needed to move have now done so, and higher home loan rates is likely to make the hesitant wait and see before taking the plunge.

Some societies have been rattled in recent days because of a slowdown in cash coming in as investors queued at post offices to buy their quota of the new 30th issue National Savings Certificates.

At today's mortgate rates, however, many societies will continue to experience difficulty in finding borrowers. If your society starts advertising home loans, perhaps you ought to ask why it does not simply cut the rate to the beleagued borrowers, many of whom are first-time buyers who have been priced right out of the market. Without new homebuyers coming in at the bottom, the whole housing market stagnates

Lorna Bourke

INLAND REVENUE CLAMPDOWN

Computer aids blitz on PAYE tax perks

Has your tax inspector suddenly slapped in an unexpected assessment? Tom Ryan explains that it is all part of a get tough campaign by the Inland Revenue.

It never occurred to me that my postman might be a big tax evader. Trudging through the snow with his bicycle, he looked as though he could barely rub two pennies together, never mind being "Mr Big" in the black economy. But appearances can be deceptive and judging by the latest attack from the Inland Revenue I shall certainly have to view my own particular Postman Pat with rather more circumspection than before.

Postmen, it seems, have been getting away with murder, by not paying tax on their Christmas tips. Clearly, this is tax evasion on a big scale and the Inland Revenue has decided that this particular scandal must stop. Despite howls of protest up and down the country, many postmen have had an additional £150 of income dropped into their notices of coding. Whether this is justified must depend on the area in which they deliver their letters as clearly a postman going round a block of council flats is not going to collect much change for his Christmas box.

But it must seem very strange to those who did the Christmas post during their student days, because if my memory is correct it was always the student who pocketed the tips.

Of course, complaints about the Inland Revenue are not new, but it does seem as if computerization has made The Inspector of Taxes even more niggardly than before and complaints about this new tough approach are widespread.

One reader writes: "The dozen staff in the office where I work receive £1 a week towards the cost of newspapers, the job being one which requires an awareness of what is going on and £1.50p as compensation for irregular lunch hours.

"This not very significant sum used to be tax-free, but not long ago the Inland Revenue, so assiduous in its search for new revenue sources, ruled it to be taxable.

All this follows on from the edict issued a few months ago which warned that Christmas party binges were out of order. The expenditure incurred per head must be modest - anything up to £30 was considered as reasonable. In practice, of course, it is quite difficult to clock up more than £30 per head unless you go completely overboard and so what happened was that everybody still went on with their fortnight binge before Christmas. But at the very least it was a good talking point.

Joking apart, the suspicion lingers that the Inland Revenue has indeed launched a mini-offensive particularly against the self employed, and that these isolated incidents are symptomatic of what is happening on a wider scale. Certainly the accountancy profession seems to be in no doubt that a blitz is under way. "It's the direct result of computerization", says David Tallon of chartered accountants, Deardon Farrow. "The Revenue has redeployed between 800 and 1,000 personnel to their PAYE audit teams and they are looking for things to do.

"In particular they are looking at company records and taking a close look at expenses to see if they fall within the PAYE net".

This new approach is apparently meeting with some success. "I doubt whether there is a single company that comes through a visit from the PAYE team without having to pay some additional tax", warns Jon Hills of accountants, Pannell Kerr Forster, who have just produce a free booklet on the taxation of benefits in kind.

As an example of what can happen, Jon Hills cites the recent experience of one service company which employs a few thousand personnel who each receive £2 a week in cash to pay for the cleaning of overalls they are required to wear for work.

Unfortunately, the Inland Revenue takes the view that this payment should come within PAYE and as a result have now raised an assessment for several hundred thousand pounds of back tax over the last six years.

What it all boils down to is that the Revenue is tightening up all round. It is not just that employees are having to pay more for their company cars, but now all kinds of round sum allowances, whether they are for entertainment or newspapers or cleaning expenses are being actively discouraged.

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Estate agents no longer have an effective monopoly of house selling services and homeowners now have a range of options – at varying price levels – for disposing of a property.

Competition should mean a cheaper service for homesellers. The time was when you had little choice in the way you sold a house. You would give the details of your property to your local estate agent in the hope that he would sell it for you as fast as possible and for the best price. Now, however, there are an ever increasing number of ways in which to sell a house.

The latest profession to step into the market are solicitors who have just been given the chance to set up "property shops" in competition with estate agents.

This move may have been a sop to compensate them for the loss of the monopoly on conveyancing, but it is also part of a trend towards opening up the buying, selling and financing of the residential property market.

The Law Society has given permission for more than 1,000 firms of solicitors to set up property shops within their own practices or through a separate practice formed for the purpose. The solicitor can advertise properties for sale in a window display, much in the same way that an estate agent can, but they must not call themselves estate agents.

As yet this is a new venture in the world of marketing homes and it remains to be seen what solicitors will charge for this service. They will be in direct competition with estate agents, all of whom charge much the same fees. The possibility exists for undercutting on price or for there to be a "gentleman's agreement" not to step out of line. So far there is no indication which way the pendulum will swing.

Estate agents' charges may vary and there is now more scope for negotiation than in the past. But on the whole there is little difference in the commission charged by one firm compared with another. The quality and level of service offered may vary, but the amount of money involved does not. As a guideline, most estate agents say they charge 2.25 to 2.5 per cent of the selling price of a house if they are one of several agents given the instruction to dispose of the property.

If it is appointed as sole agent, the charge drops to about 2 per cent of the selling price. It is wise to check what is included in this fee. Most agents now include the price of advertising in the local newspaper, in their own property lists, and often in their own property newspapers.

Mann & Co, the Woking-based estate agent with 120 offices spread across the south of the country, (and about to launch itself on the stock market) charges 2 per cent of the selling price of a house for sole agency instructions and 2.5 per cent if it acts with other firms.

The agent says, however, that the fee on a multiple instruction is negotiable under certain circumstances. If, for example, the firm approaches someone asking if they want to sell their property and offers to take it on for them, it will be possible to negotiate. In this case the fees charged are likely to be lower than the normal commission rate.

But it is only homes that are much in demand in the market which are likely to fall into this category.

Mann & Co's fee includes advertising in the local newspaper, putting the property on to its weekly and monthly lists and in its own newspaper.

It also has the ability to circularize all its branches with details of homes that come into a local office so there is a spread of potential buyers seeing what is available across a large part of the country.

Jackson, Stops & Staff with 14 branches ranging from Yorkshire to the South-east of the country, charges the same fees as Mann & Co, for selling a house and says it rarely offers the chance to negotiate.

There has to be a special case for it to do so. Once again advertising is included in the fee and particulars of the property appear in monthly lists.

The advent of the computer has meant that firms have sprung up offering considerably lower charges for selling property than the traditional High Street estate agent. The crucial element of such services is the extent of the computer lists which attempt to match buyers and sellers within the marketplace.

Homeline, a computer-based agency in London, has been in operation for five years and now claims to have one fifth of London and the Home Counties' housebuyers on its computer print-out. It is hard to gauge how many people this involves and the firm itself could not give numbers.

But there is no denying that it is considerably cheaper than using an estate agent. Homeline charges £2 per £1,000 of the selling price of a house, to go on to its list. In addition there is VAT to pay. There is an upper limit to the fee charged. The ceiling is £112.70 on a £98,000 house. For this the vendor remains on Homeline's files until the property is sold.

A good description of the house is sent to potential buyers who are sorted into categories as to where they want to buy, what price and type of property they want and the time which they need to find a new home.

A quick way of selling a house is to auction it, but it is a method which is little known to most people. It is important to use a well established company of auctioneers for this task – one which will advise on a realistic reserve price.

Mr Clive Carpenter, who is in charge of the auction department of Allsop & Co, urges sellers not to be too greedy and try to pitch the reserve price too high. If a sensible price is being asked, an auction will give a quick sale in today's market.

He deals in properties ranging from £5,000 to £1 million in price. Allsop & Co's charges are agreed by negotiation. There are no set scales, but a rough guide would be 2 per cent of the selling price. It is wise to bargain on fees.

Anyone selling by auction will have to contribute to getting their property into the auctioneer's catalogue. Allsop & Co charges £700 with VAT extra, for a colour photograph to be included in one of its catalogues which has a circulation of 7,000 potential buyers.

The advantage of selling at auction is that once the hammer has fallen the deal is struck and there are none of the nail-biting problems associated with the usual form of selling in England where nothing is legally tied-up until contracts have been exchanged.

If none of these methods of selling a house appeals, there is always the option of doing it yourself. The costs involved then are personal time and the extent to which the property is advertised in the local or national press. The bills can soon add up for advertising and there is no guarantee of any response. On top of that payment has to be made immediately – not once the house has been sold. But with luck, and good timing a well-worded advertisement and carefully set-out details presented to prospective buyers, can be a successful and cheap way to sell a home.

Judith Huntley



Sellers' market: estate agents face stiff competition

TAX RELIEF

Help for novices to BES market

Business Expansion Schemes and the generous tax relief attached to them, have caught the investing public's imagination. But precisely how they work, who qualifies for tax relief and what the conditions are, can be confusing for the newcomer to this field.

There are three specialists on BES schemes along with a number of accountancy firms. Mr John Harrison of Investment and Tax Planning Services, produces a constantly updated service listing the new BES funds as they come on to the market with details of charges, structure, investment objectives, management and the like, as well as minimum investment and closing date for application. His service also includes basic information on what BES funds are and the conditions for qualifying for tax relief.

The weakness of his service is that is covers only BES funds (those which raise a capital sum to invest in a range of new and existing companies). He does not include the BES companies – arguably the more attractive proposition for many investors.

If you want this sort of coverage with guidelines and advice on investment, then Richards Longstaff's BES Club may be the answer. Run by Mr John Greener, it has produced 14 newsletters to date and has covered most of the new BES funds and companies – leaving out only those which Richard Longstaff does not consider attractive propositions.

It costs £100 to join the Club, but there are no subsequent charges. Mr Greener is hoping to extend the idea soon to a super BES Club where members would pool their funds and buy up 5 per cent of those BES finds they believe are worthwhile.

This would have two advantages – tax relief would be available on borrowings to finance the acquisition of shares in the BES funds and as a 5 per cent (or more) shareholders, members of the club would stand a good chance of getting a director onto the board of the BES fund or company to represent their interests. This would be a big improvement.

Audley Tax and financial Services produce a basic guide to Business Expansion Schemes which is as good as any if you want simple information on how these schemes work, what types of business qualify and the like.

Details of all three services are available from: Mr John Harrison, Investment and Tax Planning Services, 7 Regal lane, London, NW1 7TH. Tel: 01-267-0133. (*Outline Guide to BES Funds*, £4, including updates); Mr John Greener, Richards Longstaff, 6 King Street, Bristol, BS1 4EQ. Tel: 0272-294313. (Richards Longstaff BES Club – £100 joining fee); Audley Tax and Financial Services, 16 Berkeley Street, London, W1X 5AE. Tel: 01-629-7517. (*The business Expansion Scheme – and investment and Taxation Report* – price £3.50).

INVESTMENT

Income from savings certificates

Many investors are deterred from buying National Savings Certificates because they need income and cannot afford to lock up their funds for five years. Harry Powell explains this need not be a problem – you can get income from savings certificates.

The curtain went up on Wednesday on the 30th Issue of National Savings Certificates. The new issue may not acquire the superstar rating of the now legendary 28th, but it should turn out to be a respectable performer.

Once again, certificates are available in units of £25, up to a total of £5,000 per person. Each unit grows in value to £38.21 over five years, giving a compound annual interest rate of 8.85 per cent.

This return is free of all UK income tax and capital gains tax, and grosses up to 22.13 per cent to those paying income tax at the top rate of 60 per cent.

Within the last 12 months there have been five fixed-return issues of savings certificates on sale, with compound yields extending from 7.25 per cent to 9 per cent. The return on the 30th is thus near the top end of that range.

The tables show two useful plans by which a tax-free annual income can be drawn from the new issue. They involve the systematic encashment of a given number of units on each anniversary of the purchase date.

Plan A gives an ascending scale of returns and, as in previous similar exercises, provides a slightly higher overall yield than Plan B, where the annual income is more or less evenly distributed.

Schemes can also be devised that will exhaust the capital at the end of five years, though these give considerably lower yields. The plans shown in the tables give an average annual yield on a simple interest basis of around 8.7 per cent.

One of the merits of these encashment schemes is that they are flexible. Annual encashments can be increased, reduced or stopped altogether, according to the needs or wishes of the holder.

As the returns on National Savings Certificates are tax-free, the plans can be especially useful for elderly investors who want to maximize their income without going beyond the point where the age allowance for income tax purposes starts to be phased out.

It should be remembered, however, that the best return is only achieved if the certificates are held for the full period of five years. A £5,000 investment in the 30th Issue would grow to £7,642 at the end of the five-year term – a total tax-free gain of 52.8 per cent.

Annual income schemes for 30th Issue National Savings Certificates, leaving capital intact at the end of the five-year term

At end of	Plan A (No of £25 units encashed)	Encashment value £	Plan B (No of £25 units encashed)	Encashment value £
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2nd year	14	401.66	15	430.35
3rd year	14	436.38	14	436.38
4th year	14	480.06	13	445.77
5th year	13	496.73	11	420.31
	69	2,188.49	69	2,159.85

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Once on the scheme, any driver who suffers a more than unlucky series of accidents or a drink/driving offence will be bumped off and passed across to the regular Royal Insurance policy.

The TSB is not selling its new policy on its cost as it does not accept the common notion that motor insurance sells on price alone.

It is possible that the regular Royal policy might even be cheaper," the TSB says, although on average the safe driver plan will result in a discount of up to 10 per cent.

The whole business of no claim bonuses has been abandoned. In effect the basic rate is a full discount rate which will not be jeopardized by one or two accidents. So no-claims bonus insurance is also unnecessary – the driver either qualifies for the safe driver rates or he is banished from the scheme.

The policy leaves little choice – it is only comprehensive with a £50 excess.

The TSB will not be confining the policy to its six million customers, although it has estimated that about half the 1.5 million TSB customers with cars would be eligible for the policy. It hopes to sign up 40,000 drivers in the next eight months.

One selling point is that rates are quoted as monthly premiums rather than annual ones which look so weighty. But whereas many insurance companies allow customers to pay by instalments for a charge the TSB offers no discounts to customers who offer a year's premiums in one lump.

The TSB policy follows the introduction by the Bank of Scotland of a similar policy underwritten by Royal for drivers with a three years no-claims bonus. This policy allows drivers to add a second car to the cover without building up a no-claims discount from scratch and allows any other driver to drive the car.

The TSB has gone for a complete package – including a 15 per cent discount on Swan National car hire (a subsidiary company) and it promises instant quotations and instant cover from its 1,642 branches.

It hopes to expand the motor insurance market by persuading motorists to trade up from third party to comprehensive cover.

The policy is written in plain English like the TSB home contents policy which is insured through Provincial. Motorists will have the satisfaction of knowing that they can confront their local TSB manager in the high street if anything goes awry with a claim. This must be a strong motivation for the TSB to ensure that things run smoothly.

As the flotation of the TSB as a public company nears, the group is taking on the form of a complete financial supermarket catering for all its customers' financial needs. It cannot afford to slip up on this new move.

Vivien Goldsmith



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4 (monthly payments	105.87)
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2 " with NCB protection	96.50
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5 United Standard (ii)	52.00
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Three brass balls: crest of the moneylending Medicis

PAWNBROKING

Easy credit with no questions asked

'Up and down the City Road, in and out the Eagle,
That's the way the money goes,
Pop goes the Weasel.'

Who needs pawnbrokers? Sources of credit are so numerous that the lending business known by its sign of three brass balls seems irrelevant today. But to get credit you must not only pay but usually provide information.

Pawnbrokers, who all but disappeared during the affluent 1960s, are seeing something of a revival in trade.

V A Barker, set up in the City, not anticipating a 1929 Black Monday, but in response to demand; by 1968, falling trade had caused the pawnbrokers' business to close. The jewellery business and pawnbrokers' sign, a City landmark remained. It prompted customers in the 1980s to inquire about facilities, and they reopened in 1983.

Harvey and Thompson, long-established jewellers and pawnbrokers, went public in 1981, with new image pawnbrokers' shops and several London locations from Golders Green to Tooting.

Many people who own jewellery and similar items of small bulk and high value prefer to pledge them for a few weeks during a squeeze rather than ask a bank mangager for a loan. Sometimes they pawn them during holidays for ready cash, and thereby get strongroom security while they are away.

In poorer areas, jewellers' shops feel the effect of lesser demand and may be taken over to be run as pawnbrokers by a more flourishing group; Northern Goldsmiths have acquired several shops in this way.

In the ditty "Pop goes the Weasel", the Weasel was a moleskin vest or waistcoat with a top pocket for silver-encased Swan (vestas) matches. When times were hard, perhaps because of too many visits to the Eagle public house, the weasel or the silver case was "popped" into "Uncle's" for cash.

Uncle was not a term of kinship but a centuries-old word, corrupted from the Latin *uncus* for hook by the Italian speaking Lombards. Articles of clothing left as pledges were hung on a hook. When it was full, the clothes were removed to a store room.

The hooks have gone: There are better secondhand clothes bargains at jumble sales, and the expenses of running retail shops do not allow space for uneconomic store rooms.

Mr Harold Wilkins, president of the National Pawnbrokers' Association, says the jewellery is now the main item used for pledges. Local pawnbrokers, however, have their own idea of what is marketable; in the North, good quality cameras and radios are acceptable and in Scotland, golf clubs can be handed in by those whose handicaps have gone high enough.

Pawnbrokers must be licensed (fee £80 for sole trader; £150 others, for 10 years) and are subject to the Pawnbrokers Act and Consumer Credit Act. New provisions come into force in May 1985. These and other social changes may make a visit to Uncle's as common as to the bank manager.

A pawnbroker asks no questions because he lends cash against goods: his judgement of their value is his security. That value may be half the price obtainable if the goods sold; it may be based on gold weight, or gem size or the pawnbroker's own experience. A client can get back ("redeem") the goods, whereas with an outright sale, they go forever.

The customer signs a pledge or contract that the goods are his own and he will pay interest when due, usually 3p per £1 per month borrowed. If loan and interest are not repaid within six months, the goods are sold by public auction. The customer is paid any excess after expenses are met.

The three balls representing the family crest of the Medicis, moneylenders to popes and kings, remain; so does the pledge system introduced by a Franciscan friar in the 15th century.

Jennie Hawthorne

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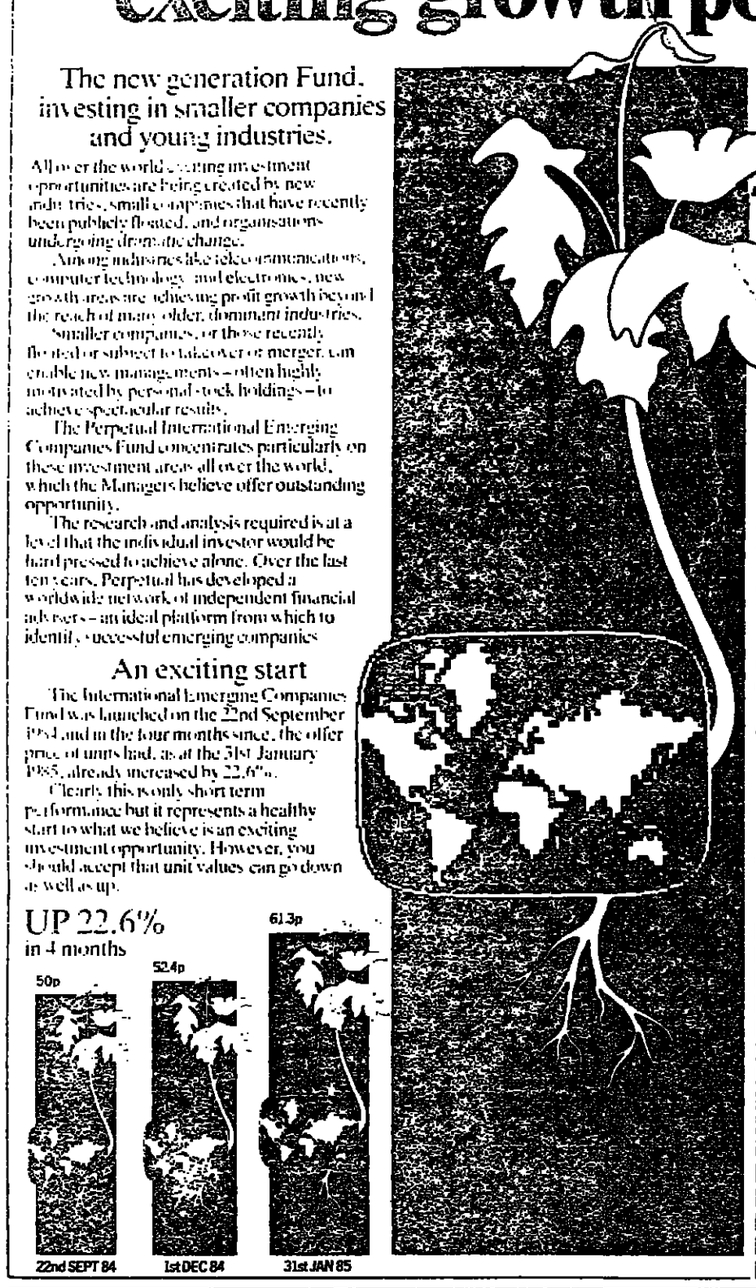
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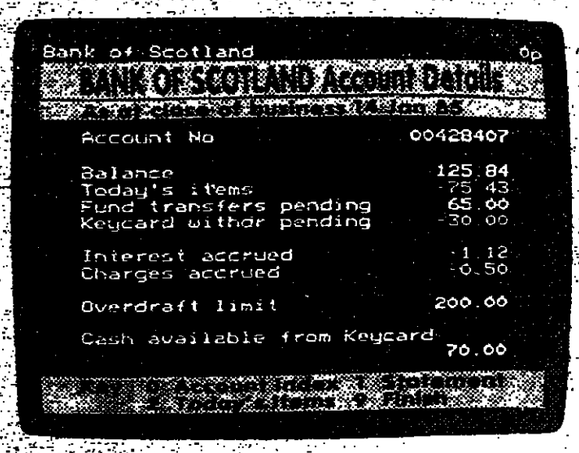
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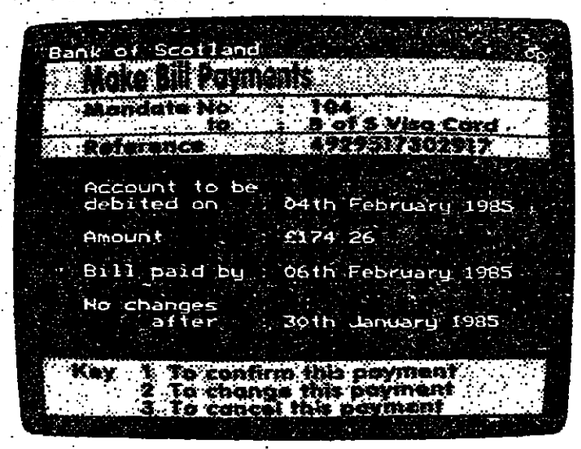
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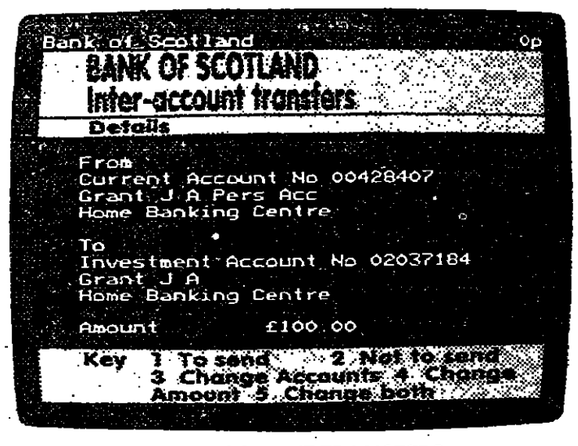
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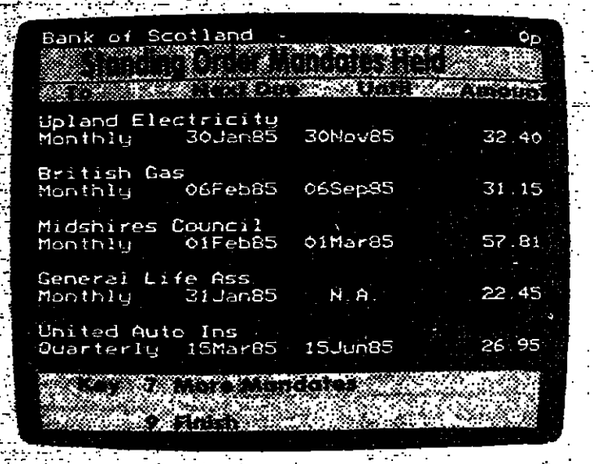
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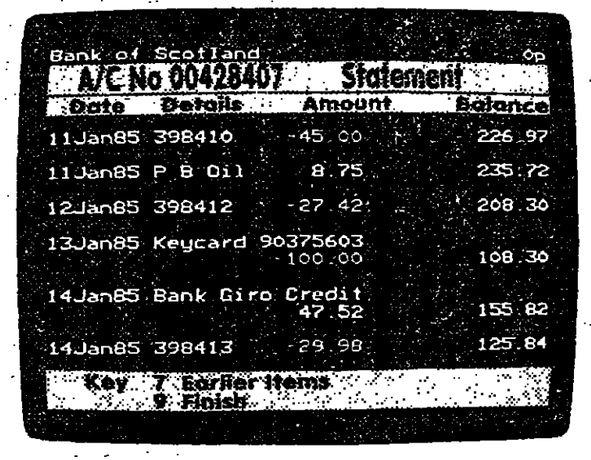
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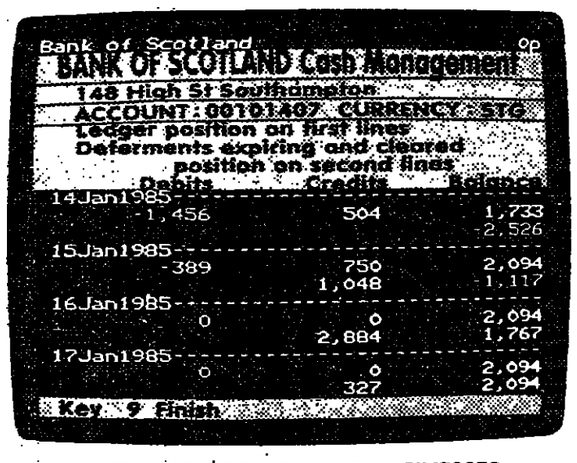
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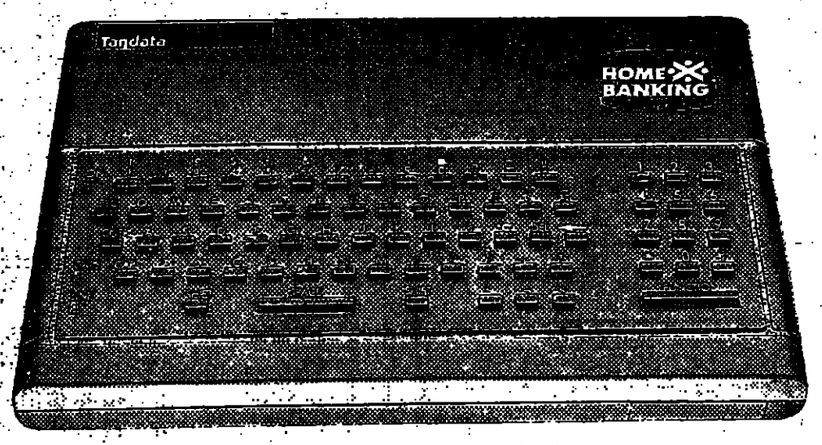


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	BUILDING AND ROADS	
1	Heywood Williams	
2	Costain	
3	Attwoods	
4	Burnett & Hallam	
5	Higgs & Hill	
6	Meyer Int	
7	BPB Industries	
8	Phoenix Timber	
9	Br Dredging	
10	French Kier	
	INDUSTRIALS A-D	
11	Belgrave	
12	Biddle	
13	Brasway	
14	Christies Int	
15	Black (Peter)	
16	Brammer	
17	Davy	
18	Assoc Heat	
19	Amber Ind	
20	Baker Perkins	
	ELECTRICALS	
21	Highland Elect	
22	Quest Automation	
23	Electrocomponents	
24	Farnell Elect	
25	Oxford Instruments	
26	Dale Elec	
27	Energy Serv	
28	UEI	
29	Whitworth Elec	
30	Cable & Wireless	
	DRAPERY AND STORES	
31	Ward White	
32	Dewhirst (IJ)	
33	Foster Bros	
34	Br Home Stores	
35	Marks & Spencer	
36	Greenfield Blacks	
37	MFI	
38	Combined English	
39	Bentalls	
40	Vantona Viyella	

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1984/85 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld %	Gross Red. yld %
SHORTS (Under Five Years)							
102.83	99.72	Exch	12% 1985	99.97	●+0.01	12.004	12.477
98	93¼	Treas	3% 1985	97½	+1/16	3.074	12.810
102	99¼	Treas	11½% 1985	99¾	+1/16	11.543	12.482
99	96	Treas C	8½% 1985	97¾	●+1/16	8.824	12.597
104	99	Exch	12½% 1985	99½	+1/16	12.283	12.344
103	98	Exch	11¾% 1986	99½	●+1/16	11.792	12.146
102	92	Treas C	10% 1986	97½	+1/16	10.233	12.183
94	88	Treas	3% 1986	93½	+1/16	3.214	8.759
102	96	Exch C	10½% 1986	98	+1/16	10.707	12.228
104	98	Treas	12% 1986	99¾	+1/16	12.019	12.111
96	93	Treas	6½% 1984-86	95½	+1/16	6.860	11.767
106	102	Exch	14% 1986	103	+1/16	13.584	11.918
89	84	Exch	2½% 1986	88	+1/16	2.825	9.781
107	100	Exch	13½% 1987	102	+1/16	12.327	11.750
101	94	Treas C	10½% 1987	97	+1/16	10.509	11.682
87	83	Exch	2½% 1987	86	+1/16	2.885	9.989
101	94	Exch	10½% 1987	97	+1/16	10.749	11.751
92	88	Fund	6½% 1985-87	90	+1/16	7.185	11.537
99	92	Treas	10% 1987	96	+1/16	10.363	11.763
86	81	Treas	3% 1987	85	+1/16	3.505	9.493
105	97	Treas	12% 1987	100	+1/16	11.940	11.782
90	87	Treas	7¾% 1985-88	91	+1/16	8.492	11.277
100	92	Exch	10½% 1988	95	+1/16	10.867	11.793
98	89	Treas C	9½% 1988	93	+1/16	10.304	11.737
82	78	Trans	3% 1978-88	81	+1/16	3.678	9.529
95	88	Treas	9½% 1988	93	+1/16	10.208	11.832
105	94	Treas	11½% 1989	99	●+1/16	11.580	11.715
98	87	Treas C	9¼% 1989	92	+1/16	10.263	11.802
103	90	Treas	10½% 1989	95	+1/16	10.880	11.811
103	89	Exch	10% 1989	95	+1/16	10.887	11.850
101	94	Exch	11% 1990	98	+1/16	11.370	11.808
83	77	Treas	5% 1986-89	80	+1/16	6.214	10.384
114	100	Treas	13% 1990	104	+1/16	12.368	11.856
87	¾	Exch	11% 1990	20	+1/16	11.268	11.831
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS							
110	100	Exch	12½% 1990	101	●+1/16	12.138	11.717
94	85	Treas	8¼% 1987-90	90	+1/16	9.279	11.081
99	87	Treas C	10% 1990	92	+1/16	10.788	11.792
108	94	Treas	11½% 1991	100	+1/16	11.810	11.865
84	75	Fund	5¾% 1987-91	82	+1/16	7.156	10.130
108	93	Exch	11% 1991	95	+1/16	11.413	11.790
114	98	Treas	12¾% 1992	105	+1/16	12.224	11.818
100	86	Treas	10% 1992	92	●+1/16	10.845	11.856
101	93	Treas C	10½% 1992	95	+1/16	11.140	11.888
111	99	Exch	12½% 1992	101	●+1/16	12.026	11.880
117	100	Exch	13½% 1992	106	●+1/16	12.595	12.038
113	98	Treas	12½% 1993	102	●+1/16	12.101	11.873
78	71	Fund	6% 1993	75	+1/16	7.827	10.137
121	105	Treas	13¾% 1993	113	●+1/16	12.517	11.901
126	107	Treas	14½% 1994	116	●+1/16	12.602	11.751
125	105	Exch	13½% 1994	112	●+1/16	12.439	11.840
114	98	Exch	12½% 1994	103	+1/16	12.047	11.840
94	83	Treas	9% 1994	89	+1/16	10.320	11.184
110	94	Treas	12% 1995	101	+1/16	11.901	11.852
68	58	Gas	3% 1990-95	66	+1/16	4.808	8.082
109	85	Exch	10¼% 1995	92	+1/16	11.161	11.625
118	102	Treas	12¾% 1995	109	+1/16	11.980	11.677
124	109	Treas	14% 1996	113	+1/16	12.421	11.888
94	83	Treas	9% 1992-96	88	●+1/16	10.391	11.136
135	118	Treas	15¼% 1996	125	+1/16	12.613	11.835
122	108	Exch	13¼% 1996	113	+1/16	12.054	11.845
121	104	Treas	13¼% 1997	111	+1/16	12.002	11.815
104	87	Exch	10½% 1997	93	●+1/16	11.190	11.458
92	77	Treas	8¾% 1997	83	●+1/16	10.415	11.143
134	117	Exch	15% 1997	125	+1/16	12.467	11.856
96	84	Exch	9¾% 1998	90	+1/16	10.855	11.281
94	87	Exch 'A'	9¾% 1998	91	+1/16	10.880	11.256
78	68	Treas	6¾% 1995-98	73	+1/16	9.410	10.824
138	123	Treas	15½% 1998	131	+1/16	12.349	11.703
114	99	Exch	12% 1998	106	+1/16	11.592	11.441
97	84	Treas	9½% 1999	89	+1/16	10.690	11.088
116	103	Exch	12¼% 1999	110	+1/16	11.576	11.413
104	90	Treas	10½% 1999	97	+1/16	11.086	11.229
102	89	Conv	10¼% 1999	95	+1/16	11.018	11.223
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS							
123	105	Treas	13% 2000	112	+1/16	11.607	11.338
126	111	Treas	14% 1998-01	119	+1/16	12.069	11.808
115	98	Exch	12% 1999-02	105	+1/16	11.457	11.314
100	89	Conv	10% 2002	97	+1/16	10.659	10.799
126	110	Treas	13¾% 2000-03	118	+1/16	11.717	11.348
115	100	Treas	11½% 2001-04	103	●+1/16	11.087	10.890
51	43	Fund	3½% 1999-04	48	+1/16	7.343	9.427
99	40	Exch	10½% 2005	99	+1/16	10.607	10.615
122	107	Treas	12½% 2003-05	115	+1/16	11.141	10.959
87	75	Treas	8% 2002-06	82	+1/16	10.076	10.412
117	99	Treas	11¾% 2003-07	107	+1/16	11.062	10.914
132	116	Treas	13½% 2004-08	125	+1/16	11.261	10.992
64	55	Treas	5½% 2008-12	59	●+1/16	9.398	9.915
85	72	Treas	7¾% 2012-15	78	+1/16	9.986	10.157
124	108	Exch	12% 2013-17	115	+1/16	10.583	10.511
UNDATED							
41	36	Consols	4%	38	+1/16	10.440	10.440
37	32	War Ln	3½%	34	+1/16	10.259	10.259
45	40	Conv	3½%	42	+1/16	8.453	8.453
31	27	Treas	3%	29	+1/16	10.570	10.570
25	22	Consols	2½%	24	+1/16	10.391	10.465
25	23	Treas	2½%	24	+1/16	10.453	10.483
INDEX-LINKED							
109	100	Treas IL	2% 1988	105	+1/16	1.845	4.640
98	85	Treas IL	2% 1990	94	+1/16	2.114	4.265
111	98	Treas IL	2% 1996	110	●+1/16	1.802	3.686
102	88	Treas IL	2½% 2001	100	●+1/16	2.485	3.373
100	87	Treas IL	2½% 2003	100	+1/16	2.503	3.319
104	90	Treas IL	2% 2006	103	+1/16	1.931	3.259
101	87	Treas IL	2½% 2009	101	+1/16	2.490	3.138
105	91	Treas IL	2½% 2011	105	●+1/16	2.375	3.158
97	82	Treas IL	2½% 2016	96	+1/16	2.605	3.104
95	81	Treas IL	2½% 2020	95	+1/16	2.636	3.094

BREWERIES

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
190	138	Allied-Lyons	173	● −1	10.0	5.8	10.1
519	300	Bass	509	−3	18.4	3.6	12.9
178	130	Bell (Arthur)	156	−3	6.9	4.3	8.6
45	36	Belhaven	43	−1	0.5	1.2	21.9
96	70	Boddingtons	78	..	3.9	5.0	11.4
318	208	Brown (Matthew)	273	● ..	11.7	4.3	13.7
233	129	Bulmer (H P)	148	● ..	7.0	4.7	7.1
483	323	Clark (Matthew)	483	..	17.1	3.5	13.5
550	392	Devenish (J A)	540	..	16.4	3.0	15.7
321	244	Distillers	280	● −4	19.5	6.7	8.3
455	290	Fenshaws Burton	430	● ..	13.0b	3.0	11.5
187	118	Greenall Whitley	176	−1	6.4	3.6	12.3
150	140	Greene King	154	−2	6.4	4.1	12.4
246	116	Guinness (A)	235	● ..	8.2	3.9	10.8
354	277	Hardys & Hansons	346	● ..	21.3	6.1	11.5
68	53	Highland Distl	61	..	2.5	4.1	14.9
164	124	Invergordon Distl	129	..	5.7	4.4	10.5
175	128	Irish Distil	148	..	6.0	4.1	..
68	49	Marston Thompson	59	..	2.5	4.2	12.8
197	169	Morland	197	..	8.2	4.4	11.4
453	246	SA Breweries	284	−12	..	..	..
147	98	Scot & New	127	● −1	7.9	6.6	10.3
39	22	Seagram	£30	−⅛	..	..	..
..	..	Tomatin Distl	..	..	..	..	..
293	202	Vaux	278	..	14.4	5.2	11.2
228	128	Whitbread 'A'	210	−1	9.2	4.4	10.3
227	127	Do 'B'	211	..	9.2	4.4	11.0
186	138	Whitbread Inv	178	..	8.8	4.9	30.1
312	204	Wolvrhmptn & D	312	..	10.9	3.5	13.5
280	215	Young 'A'	215	..	8.6	4.0	19.9

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
178	120	Allied Irish	133	..	9.0	6.8	..
101	69	Ansbacher (Henry)	68	..	5.0b	7.4	41.0
353	243	Aus New Z	318	−2	28.0	8.8	..
18	10	Bankamerica	£16	+⅛	..	..	..
352	238	Bank Of Ireland	250	..	17.0b	6.8	..
13	7	Bank Leumi Israel	£12	..	..	..	..
243	183	Bank Leumi UK	225	..	14.5	6.4	12.9
500	289	Bank Of Scotland	444	..	20.7	4.7	6.9
654	434	Barclays	612	−7	35.7	5.8	7.3
445	300	Brown Shipley	405	..	12.1	3.0	18.9
553	408	Cater Allen	485	..	41.3	8.5	8.7
31	21	Cattles	25	−½	2.0	8.2	9.1
116	101	Chart J Rthschld	107	−1	6.4	6.0	13.1
50	29	Chase Manhattan	£49	−½	384	7.4	..
42	19	Citicorp	£41	−1½	206	4.9	..
73	45	Clive	61	..	5.1	8.4	11.1
131	109	Com Bank Wales	116	● ..	12.1	10.6	8.8
49	36	Commerzbank	£47	..	6.0	0.1	..
114	81	Deutsche Bank	£112	..	120	16.7	..

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
104	82	First Nat Finance	104	+3½	..	..	7.3
340	250	Gerrard Nat	312	..	17.1	5.5	3.2
75	45	Guinness Peat	72	● −1	2.0	2.8	17.2
188	121	Hambros	166	..	9.0	5.4	17.4
16	9	Do (50p)	£15	..	89.6	6.0	13.7
353	235	Hill Samuel	328	−3	15.4	4.7	8.3
105	48	HK Shanghai	104	+3½	..	..	..
313	228	Joseph (Leopold)	258	..	16.1	6.2	19.5
178	124	King & Shaxson	158	..	11.8	7.5	13.4
488	320	Kleinwort Benson	425	..	17.9	4.2	10.7
622	422	Lloyds	564	−26	34.8	6.2	4.7
74	49	Lon Scot Fin	73	● +1	4.0	5.5	11.6
42	22	Manson	28	..	1.4	5.1	10.9
503	408	Mercury Secs	458	..	16.4	3.6	9.8
428	277	Midland	354	−3	38.4	10.9	6.6
276	188	Nat Aust Bk	248	−2	..	..	..
684	420	Nat West	669	−8	36.2	5.4	5.2
73	57	Ottoman	£73	..	450	6.1	11.2
212	144	Provident	211	..	13.6	6.4	8.0
100	72	Rea Bros	78	..	1.8	2.4	24.6
21	14	Royl Bnk Of Can	£20	● −⅛	..	..	..
265	216	Royl Bnk Of Scot	236	r ..	12.1b	5.1	6.7
906	625	Schroders	813	..	23.8	2.9	13.6
370	260	Seccombe M	320	..	28.6	8.9	10.5
71	48	Smith St Aubyn	81	..	8.4	10.5	5.6
579	442	Stand Chart	498	−3	40.0	8.0	6.9
783	612	Union	688	● ..	52.9	7.7	8.7
68	42	Wagon	67	−1	4.8	7.2	8.6
49	27	Wells Fargo	£47	−1	..	..	..
260	195	Wintrust	255	● ..	6.4	2.5	17.2

BUILDING AND ROADS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
202	156	Aberdeen Constr	192	..	9.4	4.9	8.7
262	185	Amec	256	−7	15.0	5.8	10.6
76	38	Amcliffe	40	..	..	..	6.2
110	79	Attwoods	109	+5	5.0	4.6	32.9
338	232	BPB Industries	253	+3	10.4	4.1	9.0
218	122	Baggeridge Brick	218	..	8.9	4.1	9.4
188	66	Barratt Devs	72	..	10.9	15.1	4.6
45	27	Bailey (Ben) Constr	27	..	2.5	9.5	5.4
..	..	Beechwood	..	..	..	..	..
184	116	Bellway	125	..	10.0	8.0	8.3
76	53	Benford Concrete	70	+6	5.4	7.7	15.9
64	43	Bett Bros	58	● ..	4.4	7.6	8.7
603	346	Blockleys	550	..	30.0	5.5	14.1
520	358	Blue Circle	503	..	27.1	5.4	8.4
216	182	Breedon&Cloud Hill	206	..	12.0	5.8	18.4
69	46	Brickhouse Dudley	66	● ..	4.6	6.9	17.7
71	47	Br Dredging	70	+2	2.9	4.1	18.0
23	16	Brown&Jackson	18	..	..	..	73.1
71	57	Brownlee	67	..	5.2	7.8	7.1
77	50	Bryant	69	..	4.3	6.2	7.6
220	125	Burnett & Hallam	175	+6	12.5	7.1	19.2
150	145	Calebread Robey	148	..	4.3	2.9	28.2
55	49	Carr (J) Doncaster	55	−3	2.1	3.8	8.4
63	47	Cement-Roadstone	63	..	1.0	1.6	..
64	42	Condor Int	62	..	1.1	1.7	..
360	234	Costain	356	+2	20.0	5.6	8.5
240	174	Countryside	204	● ..	7.2	3.5	5.9
98	66	Crouch (Derek)	94	..	7.2	7.7	52.2
..	..	Crouch Group	..	f ..	..	..	..
108	48	Dew (George)	74	+2	8.1	11.0	8.5
68	32	Douglas (RM)	52	..	2.5	4.8	37.1
83	62	Erith	62	..	4.1	6.7	8.8
120	85	Feb	106	..	3.9	3.6	12.4
118	82	Do 'A'	90	..	3.9	4.3	10.3
107	71	Finlan (John)	93	..	6.0b	6.5	44.7
154	110	French Kier	128	−1	8.1	6.3	7.5
71	37	Galliford	70	..	5.7	8.2	10.9
110	105	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	105	..	2.0	1.9	45.5
238	183	Gleeson (MJ)	228	−2	7.1	3.1	18.7
123	85	HAT	96	● ..	4.9	5.1	10.8
53	18	Helical Bar	27	..	..	..	5.5
41	30	Hewden-Stuart	37	..	2.0	5.3	8.8
161	103	Heywood Williams	132	+5	8.6	6.5	5.6
330	230	Higgs & Hill	291	+1	16.4	5.6	8.2
163	110	IDC	161	..	10.7	6.7	8.1
283	162	Ibstock Johnsen	275	..	8.9	3.2	18.2
308	220	Jarvis (J) & Sons	288	..	25.0	8.7	9.9
229	137	Laing (J)	204	+1	7.9	3.9	7.6
229	136	Do 'A'	201	−1	7.9	3.9	7.5
244	196	Lawrence (Walter)	230	..	14.6	6.4	5.2
81	60	Lilley (FJC)	64	+1	5.2	8.1	5.9
220	155	Lovell (YJ)	214	● ..	8.6	4.0	10.8
180	104	Magnet & South	116	● −4	6.7	5.8	8.3
193	143	Mandera	189	..	10.0	5.3	9.5
233	189	Marshalls (Halifax)	220	● ..	11.4	5.2	7.7
100	69	May & Hassell	88	..	5.9	6.7	3.5
270	185	McAlpine (alfred)	262	−2	..	..	..
158	98	Meyer Int	115	−1	7.0	6.1	6.0
28	15	Miller (Stanley)	17	..	..	..	..
138	105	Monk (A)	119	..	9.3	7.8	6.5
234	184	Mowlem (John)	218	..	16.0	7.4	8.6
650	475	Newarthill	630	..	14.3	2.3	13.3
163	104	Nottingham Brick	158	● ..	7.1	4.5	14.7
725	425	Pearce (CH) Sons	625	..	8.9	1.4	12.4
149	84	Phoenix Timber	128	−2	5.7	4.5	4.8
250	190	Pochins	190	−10	17.0	8.9	4.2
479	330	RMC	374	..	17.6	4.7	9.5
318	220	Redland	285	..	13.9	5.3	10.8
150	103	Roberts Adlard	108	..	8.6	7.9	8.8
38	27	Rowlinson Secs	32	..	0.9	2.9	8.2
261	190	Ruberoid	218	..	10.4	4.9	8.7
140	95	Rugby Cement	123	+1	8.6	6.9	11.0
168	112	SGB	162	..	9.0	5.6	8.8
71	57	Sharpe & Fisher	68	..	3.0	4.4	10.7
70	47	Smart (J)	64	..	5.6	8.8	13.1
528	405	Tarmac	480	−2	20.0	4.2	12.5
380	285	Taylor Woodrow	370	..	17.5	4.7	11.2
134	80	Tilbury Group	124	..	6.4	5.2	10.1
378	258	Travis & Arnold	270	−3	10.1	3.8	9.4
102	86	Tract	99	● ..	1.4	1.4	13.5
338	185	Turriff	333	+2	10.0	3.0	8.2
167	125	UBM	145	..	10.0	6.9	16.5
171	120	Vibroplant	140	● ..	12.6b	9.0	14.5
160	53	Ward	160	+13	8.0	5.0	9.3
158	55	Do Dfd	156	+14	..	..	9.0
104	78	Warrington (T)	78	..	8.8	11.3	8.9
220	162	Watts Blake	220	..	6.1	2.8	18.6
88	62	Wettern Bros	66	..	..	..	12.7
84	33	Wiggins	42	+1	..	..	..
200	156	Wilson (Connolly)	184	..	5.7	2.9	9.8
169	95	Wimpey (George)	103	−1	4.4	4.2	7.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

CINEMAS AND TV

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
196	153	Anglia TV 'A'	156	..	11.4	7.3	10.8
114	68	Grampian	88	..	6.6	7.5	5.5
159	89	HTV N/V	140	..	10.0	7.1	6.8
301	182	LWT 'A'	253	−2	20.6	8.1	7.6
190	104	Scot TV 'A'	156	..	11.9	7.6	7.2
188	79	TVS N/V	138	● ..	8.6	6.2	9.6
37	24	TSW	29	..	2.1	7.3	7.4

DRAPERY AND STORES

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
430	292	ASR	365	● ..	10.4	2.8	8.0
55	32	Aquascutum 'A'	54	..	2.9	5.4	32.0
118	88	Beattie (James) 'A'	118	..	4.3	4.1	12.1
81	40	Bentalls	68	−1	2.5	3.7	18.9
62	48	Brammer	55	..	3.6	6.5	41.0
261	181	Br Home Stores	245	−2	8.6	3.5	15.4
240	160	Brown (N)	240	..	11.4	4.8	14.6
474	211	Burton	417	● −8	9.2	2.2	21.1

ELECTRICALS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
40	23	Chloride	38	−1	..	..	8.5
173	112	Do 7½% CPF	161	..	..	..	..
235	153	Cray Elect	221	● ..	3.6	1.6	32.8
236	178	Crystalate	188	−8	5.5	2.9	11.4
93	67	Dale Elect	68	+1	6.4	9.5	5.2
134	88	Dataserv	110	+1	1.0	0.9	..
24	14	Dewhurst 'A'	19	● ..	1.1	5.5	6.8
96	52	Dowding & Mills	64	−½	3.5	5.4	11.8
206	132	Dubilier	190	● ..	3.4	1.8	19.5
335	233	Electrocomponents	275	+4	6.1	2.2	21.7
59	34	Electronic Mach	45	..	1.0	2.2	31.7
63	38	Electronic Rentals	45	● ..	4.6	10.2	24.9
195	116	Emess Lighting	193	..	6.4	3.3	18.0
60	32	Energy Serv	59	+4	1.7	2.9	24.4
395	220	Eurotherm	315	● −5	5.7	1.8	20.8
223	155	Farnell Elect	174	+1	2.4	1.4	26.9
166	125	Ferranti	148	+2	2.0	1.4	22.8
135	98	First Castle Elec	105	r −2	3.0b	2.8	11.7
51	27	Forward Tech	30	..	..	..	15.8
238	168	GEC	192	● −2	5.2	2.7	13.6
184	131	Grosvenor	172	..	8.2	4.8	11.9
112	43	Highland Elect	112	+2	2.6	2.3	22.4
316	176	Int Signal & Control	276	+2	1.0	0.4	..
148	109	Jones Stroud	140	..	9.3	6.6	6.7
325	150	Kode	170	+7	14.3	8.4	12.1
450	259	Lec Refrigeration	313	..	17.9	5.7	5.1
465	270	Logica	312	+28	1.4	0.5	33.6
369	258	MK Elect	296	..	13.7	4.6	9.1
369	215	Memec	305	+5	3.0	1.0	48.8
253	163	Micro BS	185	+5	..	..	..
960	558	Micro Focus	810	..	..	..	38.6
194	125	Muirhead	176	..	7.5	4.3	13.0
155	63	Multitone Elec	65	● ..	3.8	5.9	8.4
99	82	Murray Elect	93	..	0.2	0.2	..
34	13	Newman	20	..	..	..	7.2
230	168	Newmark (Louis)	215	● −5	17.1	8.0	10.1
100	69	NEI	79	−1	7.5	9.5	7.8
300	100	Oceonics	115	−8	1.1	0.9	14.4
338	236	Oxford Instruments	243	● +3	2.0	0.8	25.7
53	39	Petbow	50	..	1.4	2.9	..
48	30	Philcom	34	..	1.1	3.4	7.4
141	82	Philips Fin 5½%	£135	−3	575	4.2	..
15	8	Philips Lamps N/V	£14	..	..	..	..
188	135	Pilco	170	..	7.5	4.4	9.5
189	120	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	145	..	7.5	5.2	8.1
282	180	Plessey	172	−2	5.4	3.2	11.5
24	17	Do ADR £5	£18	+½	..	..	..
288	121	Pressac	121	−3	3.1	2.6	10.3
91	28	Quest Automation	51	+1	..	..	..
229	185	Racal Elect	198	● ..	4.2	2.1	13.2
187	32	Resource Tech	34	−3	1.0	2.9	7.8
183	66	Rotaflex	162	..	5.0	3.1	14.3
450	290	Scholes (GH)	400	..	25.7	6.4	8.8
164	109	Sound Diffusion	123	−1	0.5	0.4	31.4
372	190	STC	192	..	12.9	6.7	9.4
157	92	Suter	139	..	5.0	3.6	31.0
650	282	System Designers	615	−5	2.4	0.4	61.5
21	14	TDK	£21	+½	..	..	..
57	33	Telefusion	35	..	2.5	7.2	9.8
230	168	Telephone Rentals	203	..	8.6	4.2	15.6
488	374	Thorn EMI	451	● +4	25.0	5.5	10.1
173	120	Thorpe (FW)	157	..	4.9	3.1	8.2
360	203	Tunstall Telecom	355	● +6	2.0	0.6	24.3
195	128	UEI	190	+2	7.5	3.9	19.1
310	205	Unitech	233	● −2	7.4	3.2	12.7
348	196	Utd Leasing	328	−5	4.9	1.5	14.3
323	175	Utd Scientific	203	● −3	7.9	3.9	14.2
266	168	VG Instruments	252	−2	2.6	1.0	32.1
141	98	Volex	125	● ..	8.9	7.1	7.2
47	32	Western Selection	45	..	3.9	8.6	13.8
78	59	Whitworth Elec	65	−5	2.2	3.4	9.8
350	245	Wholesale Fitting	255	..	8.8	3.5	13.3

FINANCE AND LAND

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
328	258	Abingworth	328	+1	1.8	0.5	..
188	120	Aitken Hume	181	+6	10.0b	5.5	7.0
320	78	Antofagasta	315	−5	15.0	4.8	7.1
108	72	Barlow Hldgs	101	+1	6.3	6.2	25.8
26	7	Camellia	£28	..	12.9b	0.5	..
340	75	Centreway	105	−10	1.4e	1.4	3.3
180	88	Hambro	151	● −2	9.5	6.3	24.7
104	47	Ivory & Sime	104	..	2.9	2.8	24.2
120	74	Majedie	120	..	5.4	4.5	21.9
170	105	Park Place	135	−3	6.8	5.0	41.9

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1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
385	175	BAT	378	−6	12.8	3.4	10.0
222	133	Imperial	200	−2	12.2	6.1	10.6
205	136	Rothmans 'B'	185	−5	8.9	4.8	4.6

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. e Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

CRICKET

Downton could open the late, late show for England

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Melbourne

The Benson and Hedges World Championship of Cricket will be opened here tomorrow by the Australian Prime Minister, Bob Hawke, himself a good enough player while at Oxford to have been somewhere near the University side. The fact that he had a minibus or Dormobile or whatever such things were called in those days was a help. The first match, starting at 2.30 and ending at 10.15, will be between Australia and England.

All the sides are now in town, New Zealand and Pakistan arriving today from Dunedin where New Zealand, by winning a great tussle, made a clean sweep of the three Test series. India are here, with Gavaskar saying that this will be his final fling as captain, though not, he hopes, as a member of the side. Sri Lanka have been lying low in Australia since being trounced in the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup, won on Tuesday by West Indies. The latter, although in need of a rest after playing international cricket with scarcely a break for the last 17 months, are of course hot favourites to win the tournament.

West Indies are 7-2 on because, if they beat Sri Lanka, they will be assured of a place in the semi-finals; New Zealand are second favourites at 7-1. With a field of seven, the draw is inevitably lop-sided, three teams – New Zealand, Sri Lanka and West Indies – being in one section and four – Australia, England, India and Pakistan – in the other. There could be no more attractive opening match than tomorrow's, but it is a tough one for England.

Whatever England's side, for a majority of them it will be their first experience of night cricket, played with a white ball and black sightscreens to an unimaginable accompaniment of sound and fury. The Australians are accustomed to it, and that is greatly to their advantage. However, to be playing at the MCG when the lights are first switched on is an occasion that England would not want to miss, and after their successes in India they should have the confidence to tackle it.

The first Test match was played in Melbourne 108 years ago. The Centenary Test of 1977, played on this same ground, was a brilliant success. Now comes another landmark. The anniversary this time in the founding of the State of Victoria in 1835. What the cynics wonder is how long it will be before the last Test match is played here. But a huge crowd is assured for tomorrow, and already the visiting officials are gathered. Next Thursday they will take the opportunity of holding an informal meeting of the International Cricket Conference, at which "future tours" are on the agenda.

What England may hope for from this are certain assurances from the West Indians concerning the feasibility of touring the islands next winter. The good fellowship which will pervade the next three weeks should provide the best possible background against which to emphasize that politicians are thought to have gone far enough in the use they make of the game. No one, I believe, would welcome that more than the people of the Caribbean, whose cricketers are so much their pride and joy.

By a happy chance tomorrow's game brings together two emerging sides. Half the Englishmen had never set eyes on half the Australians and knew nothing about them until a few days ago. Meeting them today I sensed a good spirit, and England have that. I am not sure that any of the new Australians are going to be great players, but like ours they look a lustylot, not least McDermott who, though Australia's fastest bowler, is still only 19. Hughes is back and full of beans, and Border, his successor as captain, could be growing into the job.

England are toying with the idea of opening with Downton as Fowler's partner, as a way of getting Cowdrey into the side at No 6 without weakening the bowling. To put it differently, the bits and pieces of Cowdrey's one-day game, especially his fielding, are thought to add up to more than Robinson and Moxon might offer. But Cowdrey is not good enough with the ball to be included as one of five bowlers. If Downton does open, the batting order will probably be Fowler, Downton, Gatting, Lamb, Gower, Cowdrey, Marks, Edmonds, Ellison, Foster (or Agnew) and Cowans. It promises to be a close and interesting match, which Australia, being more familiar with night cricket, will expect to win.

World Championship programme

Feb 17	Australia v England	Melbourne (day-night)
Feb 19	West Indies v New Zealand	Sydney (day-night)
Feb 20	Pakistan v India	Melbourne (day-night)
Feb 23	New Zealand v Sri Lanka	Melbourne (day-night)
Feb 24	Australia v Pakistan	Melbourne
Feb 26	England v India	Sydney (day-night)
Feb 27	West Indies v Sri Lanka	Melbourne (day-night)
Mar 2	England v Pakistan	Melbourne (day-night)
Mar 3	Australia v India	Melbourne
Mar 5	First semi-final	Sydney (day-night)
Mar 6	Second semi-final	Melbourne (day-night)
Mar 9	Plate Final (third place)	Sydney
Mar 10	FINAL	Melbourne (day-night)

Concussion may keep Cairns out of championship

Dunedin (AP) – Lance Cairns, the New Zealand all-rounder, did not fracture his skull as was at first feared when struck by a bouncer during the third Test match against Pakistan on Thursday. A hospital spokesman here said that Cairns had concussion and was still under observation.

He was hit on the back of his head by a ball from Wasim Akram. It has disturbed his balance and left him with dizziness.

Cairns missed today's final one-day international against Pakistan in Auckland, but it is still uncertain whether he will take any part in the World Championship of Cricket, which starts in Australia tomorrow.

New Zealand play their first match against West Indies on Tuesday and New Zealand officials are inquiring whether Cairns would be available for subsequent matches if he regains fitness.

New Zealand and Pakistan were due to catch a flight to Melbourne 90 minutes after the scheduled finish time today, so that they can attend tomorrow's official opening parade for the championship series.



Cairns: no skull fracture

●BARBADOS: New Zealand will play four Test matches and five one-day internationals on their tour of West Indies beginning on March 15. (Reuter reports).

ITINERARY: March 15-17: Shell Award XI, Jamaica; 20: First one-day international, Antigua; 22-24: Under-23 XI, St Kitts; 27: Second one-day international, Trinidad; March 29-April 2: First Test, Trinidad (rest day, April 1); 5-11: Second Test, Guyana (rest day, April 9); 14: Third one-day international, Guyana; 17: Fourth one-day international, Trinidad; 22: Fifth one-day international, Barbados; April 25-May 1: Third Test, Barbados (rest day, April 29); 4-8: Fourth Test, Jamaica (rest day, May 7).

Broad maintains form

From A Special Correspondent, Harare

The first day of the English Counties XI's opening first-class fixture of their Zimbabwe tour produced an even contest between bat and ball. The Counties XI lost three wickets for 65 runs and at that stage had temporarily lost the services of Richard Williams with a back strain. A pulled thigh muscle required Broad, top scorer with 64, to bat with a runner during the later part of his innings.

The Counties' recovery came through a stand of 74 between Broad and Bainbridge. Broad continued the same dependable form which had brought him a century against the Zimbabwe District XI earlier in the week and Bainbridge showed a keen desire to attack the bowling, particularly with his driving through the off-side. The pair added 74 for the fourth wicket.

By this stage of the innings there had been an acceleration of the early sedate tempo, and a partnership of 52 between Richard Williams and Tremlett took the Counties past 200. The end of the day was brightened by a delightful and forthright half-century from the Middlesex pace bowler, Neil Williams.

Rawson, with three for 88, was Zimbabwe's most successful bowler in an attack which kept manfully to its task and never allowed the English batsmen to dominate.

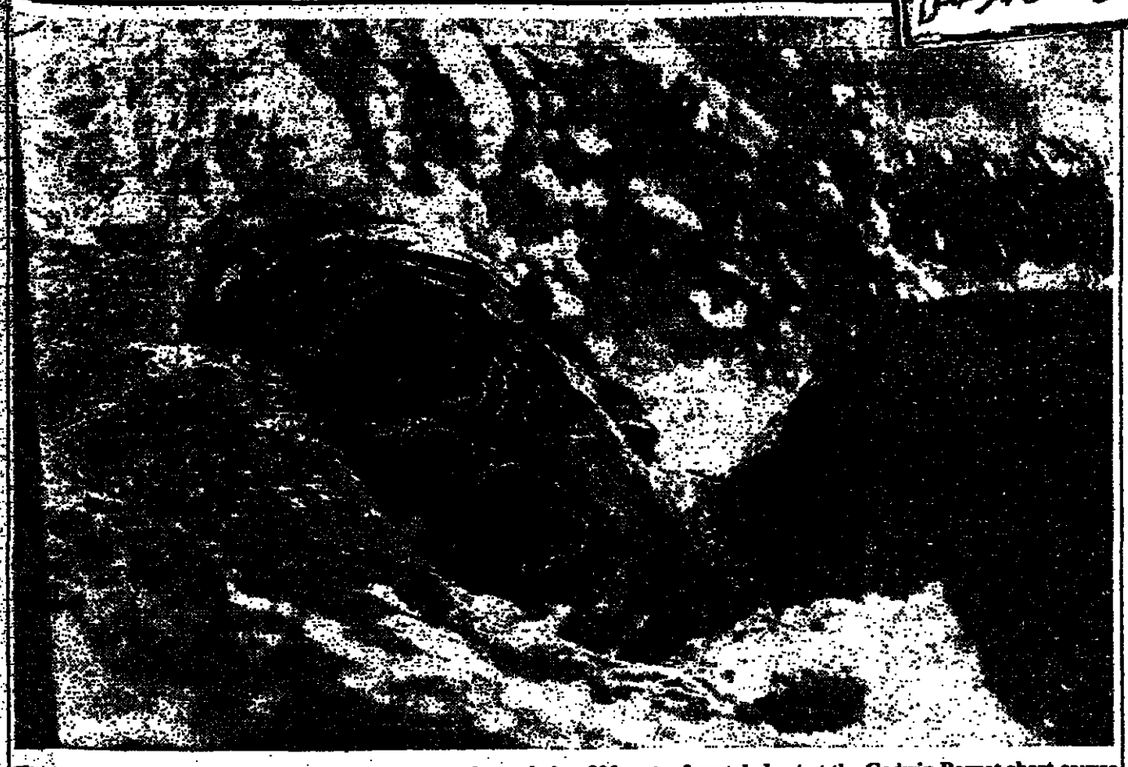
English Counties XI: First innings

B C Broad c Pycroft b Streak	64
T A Lloyd b Dalais	7
*M C J Nicholas c Butchart b Rawson	5
N P Taylor b Rawson	15
R G Williams b Rawson	38
P Bainbridge c and b Rawson	46
†I M Tremlett c Houghton b Hick	22
N F Williams not out	58
†R J Parks c Houghton b Butchart	9
P G Newman c Rawson b Traicos	6
N G B Cook not out	1
Extras	7
Total (8 wkts)	281

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-38, 3-65, 4-139, 5-148, 6-201, 7-206, 8-249, 9-265.

BOWLING: (to date): Rawson 22-4-88-3; Dalais 18-7-56-1; Butchart 20-4-50-2; Traicos 27-8-60-1; Hick 9-2-18-1; Streak 5-0-12-1.

● Essex, the county champions, are ready to offer a contract to John Childs, the 33-year-old spinner who was freed by Gloucestershire at the end of last season after taking 420 wickets in 10 seasons. Essex have vacancy for a left-arm spinner following the retirement of Ray East, who has now become their second XI coach.



Eye on success: Samantha Herbert on her way to victory in her 800 metre freestyle heat at the Godwin Barnet short-course meeting yesterday (Photograph: Chris Cole)

BADMINTON

Troke and Hall lift England

From Richard Eaton, Ikast

England's attempt to maintain their dominance in Europe began with a 5-2 victory over Sweden that gave the team confidence for the all-important struggle to come against Denmark in the triangular international at Ikast, Denmark yesterday.

It is six years since England's last loss to Sweden, the third best nation in Europe. Yesterday there were hiccups for a while when both men's doubles pairs were beaten, (which left Ciro Ciniglio, the manager, grumbling about his selection puzzle for the world championships) and also when the All-England mixed doubles champions Martin Dew and Gillian Gilks dropped the middle game to Stefan Karlsson, in partnership with Maria Bengtsson, a 20-year-old student from Malmo.

But all this was cancelled out by a fighting win for the British under-21 champion, Darren Hall, at the number two singles spot, and a totally ruthless one for Helen Troke, the European champion from Southampton, who conceded only one point in sixteen minutes against poor Lotta Wehlborg, the 17-year-old Swedish number two.

England's other victories came from the joint number one Nick Yates and the promising partnership of Gill Clark and Gillian Gowers in the Women's doubles. That left the squad in a relatively fresh and unharassed frame of mind to take on the archrivals Denmark, who had had the slight advantage of playing Sweden the night before, winning 4-3.

The Danes, beaten twice by England in the last three attempts, were, despite the absence of the world number one Morten Frost, trying to restore a superiority which had previously lasted for 34 years.

The only other troublesome moment for England came when Par-Gunnar Johnsson argued vehemently with the umpire after being service faulted and had to be told to continue playing by the Swedish manager, Hans Lenkart. That seemed to inspire both Johnsson and Jan Antonsson to pull off the suprise win of the match by 15-12, 13-15, 15-12 against a nervous looking And Goode and Nigel Tier. But it was cool heads and steely resolve that England were confident of summoning for their later encounter against the Danes.

Results: N Yates bt J Antonsson 15-8, 17-7; C Hall bt J Hemgardh 15-8, 13-18, 15-12; Miss H Troke bt Miss L Wehlborg 11-1, 11-0; M Beckley and M Dew lost to T Kihlstrom and S Karlsson 6-15, 9-15; A Goode and N Tier lost to Antonsson and T-G Johnsson 12-15, 15-13, 12-15; Miss G Clark and Miss G Gowers bt Miss Wihlborg and Miss M Bengtsson 15-5, 15-6; Dew and Miss G Gilks bt Karlsson and Miss Bengtsson 15-2, 15-18, 15-8.

Scotland hold off late rally from the Dutch

Scotland withstood a gallant fightback by the Netherlands to capture the Philips Silver Shuttle in Thursday's international at Irvine. The Scots regained the trophy with a 5-3 victory after brother and sister Lex and Eline Coene had given the Dutch renewed hope in a close-fought evening session.

Scotland had seemed well on their way to avenging last year's 4-3 defeat until the Coenes won their singles matches against Charlie Gallagher and Gillian Martin.

With the match delicately balanced at 4-3 in Scotland's favour, *Pam Hamilton* Morag Johnson beat Eline Coene and Erica van Dijck to see Scotland through.

RESULTS: (Scottish names first): Men's singles: A White bt P Pelapassy 15-8, 15-6; C Gallagher lost to L Coene 11-15, 14-18. Men's doubles: W Gilliland and D Travers bt B von Barnau Sjoholt and Pelapassy 15-8, 15-8; White and I Pringle bt R Ridder and D Tjin A Lien 12-15, 15-13, 15-11; Women's singles: J White bt C Lien 11-4, 12-11; G Martin lost to E Coene 12-11, 8-11, 4-11. Women's doubles: P Hamilton and M Johnson bt Coene, van Dijck 15-13, 15-12, 15-12. Mixed doubles: Gilliland and C Healy lost to Ridder and Jan Dijk 8-15, 15-7, 13-15.

EQUESTRIANISM

Skelton heads money list

Nick Skelton has swept the board in show jumping's 1984 top money winners lists. The Warwickshire rider, employed by Ted Edgar's Everest stud, had his main success with St James, who topped the national and international combined list with £44,479.

Skelton's other main horse, Apollo, was runner-up in the combined list with £31,912, but headed the national list with £27,582 of that sum.

HOCKEY

SCHOOLS MATCH: Queen's, Taunton 3, Dauntsey's 1.

TENNIS

Lloyd loses her fear of Navratilova

Delray Beach, Florida (Reuter) – Chris Lloyd and Martina Navratilova renew their rivalry today when they meet in yet another final of a major tournament, the International Players' Championship.

In her semi-final, Mrs Lloyd, seeded second, rallied from 4-1 down in the first set to beat the young West German, Steffi Graf, 6-4, 6-2. Earlier Miss Navratilova had beaten Carling Bassett, of Canada, seeded tenth, 6-3, 6-3 in the first semi-final.

Mrs Lloyd beat Miss Navratilova in their previous meeting three weeks ago to level their lifetime record at 31 wins each. A first prize of $112,500 (nearly £100,000) will be at stake when they meet today.

"I'm not afraid to play her anymore," Mrs Lloyd said. "She is No. 1 and I won't take that away from her. But I dreaded playing her during the streak when she kept beating me. She is probably more eager since she lost to me last time and I hope I will be as eager as I was in the last match."

After her nervous start against Miss Graf, Mrs Lloyd pulled back to 4-4, but was kept under pressure by the West German, who saved three set points before surrendering the first set.

"I thought that if I played very well I might have a chance," Miss Graf said: "I want to play her again. I will work my backhand more and try to go the net more, and maybe I'll have a better chance."

Miss Navratilova said: "I have played better against Miss Bassett. It's my third straight tournament where I've played her. I didn't know whether to go in or stay back against her serve."

In the second set, Miss Bassett led 3-0, but knew the pressure was still on. "I could see she was pumping up her game. That's what she does. When you get a lead on her you have to raise the level of your game to hold it. You have to work for points against her."

Miss Navratilova, who has won 101 tournaments in her career and has been ranked No 1 in women's tennis since January 1982, said: "I'm not playing as well as I did two years ago. But I've eased up the work, like running, playing basketball, swimming, doing something every day.

"I'm not in great shape like I used to be, but I'm still faster than anybody out there."

SEMI-FINALS: C Lloyd (US) bt S Graf (WG), 6-4, 6-2; M Navratilov (US) bt C Bassett (Can), 6-4, 6-2.



Face to face: Navratilova (left) and Lloyd

Bates falls in final to 'different' Eriksson

By Lewine Mair

Jeremy Bates's explanation of how he lost 4-6, 2-6 to Stefan Eriksson in the final of yesterday's LTA men's satellite event at Matchpoint – only a week ago he had beaten the Swede 6-3, 6-0 – was not one to quibble with. "Quite simply", Bates said, "Eriksson was a different person today."

In the final at Telford the Swedish national champion had been unable to handle Bates's heavily sliced backhands. Yesterday he dealt the British player a severe blow when he got the hang of them after a few games.

Eriksson's service, which had come to life for the first time on this circuit in his semi-final with Peter Lundgren on thursday, also took Bates by surprise. There was an Eriksson ace to tie up a first set which had taken in some fine work from both players, and, from then on, the Swede unleashed at least two unanswerable services per game.

Perhaps the vital difference between last week's match and this one lay in Eriksson's attitude. He had not felt like playing in the final at Telford – "I was maybe too satisfied at having got through the semi-finals" – but, as one who prides himself on rarely losing to any opponent twice, he had his mind on yesterday's match

Bates, who has now lost all four of the satellite finals he has played at Matchpoint, became discouraged when he lost his service to fall to 1-2 in the second set. Eriksson confessed later that he had expected a late comeback – "he is such a good player" – but to his relief, and the disappointment of those watching, that never happened.

New indoor club a third of way to its target

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The Wimbledon Indoor Tennis Club, opened yesterday, is already a third of the way towards a target of 600 members, the most it can reasonably accommodate. The four-court club in North Road, about a mile and a half from the scene of the game's most famous championships, is housed under an elongated, balloon-like roof and incorporates the manufacturing expertise of Britain, the United States and Belgium.

The three businessmen who made the club happen were originally inspired by a wasted afternoon in which they searched London for a free indoor court. They decided to build their own and eventually found a three-acre site. As a consultant director they called in Mark Cox, the former British Davis Cup player, whose experience was particularly useful in the choice of a surface.

The playing area, carpeted in two shades of green and laid on a sandwich of sand and stone, has a welcome degree of "give" but, according to Cox, plays at a pace on the fast side of medium and in some ways is similar to grass. It was made in Britain. The roof and lighting system are American.

The self-cleaning roof, which may last for 30 years, is translucent and therefore admits daylight. At other times an even spread of indirect, glare-free lighting is provided by clusters of pole-supported fixtures (like outcrops of unusually pallid peonies) that shine upwards on to the reflecting white dome. The air conditioning and heating systems are Belgian.

At one end of the bright and airy playing area the lounge and ancillary facilities have a ground-level view of the courts through panelled glass. Coaching and baby-sitting are among the amenities. Cox is particularly keen that the club should attract players of every standard, including beginners of all ages. The entire venture cost about £500,000. Membership costs from £20 to £90 a year and court hire ranges from £5 to £9 an hour depending on the time of day.

These indoor clubs tend to flirt hazardously with financial bankers, but the Wimbledon entrepreneurs will be encouraged by the recent success of the London ITC at Westbourne Green. Opened in 1983 under the name Racquets, this three-court club went into receivership last March but, in September, was taken over by a lawyer, an accountant, two bankers and a surveyor. They shifted the emphasis upmarket and the club became so busy that in January the membership was closed.

Martin Rayhould, managing director of the London ITC, says they have been so encouraged by the club's "massive success" that they are now looking around for a similar venture. "If we can turn one around, we can turn another around".

HOCKEY

Locke can help shut out Slough

By Sydney Friskin

With most pitches still frozen, the scramble to find alternative grounds continues. Slough's second round match against Reading in the club championship for the Hockey Association Cup, has been transferred to Bisham Abbey starting at 4pm tomorrow. After that, Gore Court hope to play Pickwick at the same venue.

Slough, who have appeared in seven finals, winning on five occasions, look much too strong for Reading with Barber striking superbly at short corners and Maskery fitting well into the general scheming. Reading have bought in Locke, A Cambridge Blue, to strengthen their defence and their middle line looks stable with Staynor as the pivot supported by Radnedge and Barton. Tapsell, Boddington and Fitt make up the three front runners.

Pickwick, who are proud of their achievement in defeating Norton 6-2 are hoping for more goals from their talente centre forward Dalbir Sidhu, who scored five goals last week. Like Slough, Pickwick have an abundance of Asian talent which has now matured. They also have an exciting young player, Simon Burrows, at left half.

The third second round match between Blackheath and St Albans looks doubtful because of the state of the pitch. Six first round matches have still to be played and the one between Edgbaston and Andover has been switched to Bournemouth. East Grinstead, the holders, are due ot meet Hounslow and if the playing conditions at East Grinstead are unsuitable, East Grinstead will be offered the chance to play on Hounslow's artificial turf pitch at Feltham School.

● Welsh Women players are angry at being asked to contribute £100 for playing for their country in the Home International matches next month (the Press Association reports). This comes on top of the £400 they have had to pledge for the Intercontinental Cup in Argentina at the end of March.

BOBSLEIGHING

Phipps could win World Cup medal

From Chris Moore
St Moritz

Nick Phipps goes into the most important race of his career this morning with the chance of winning a World Cup medal for Britain. The final round of the inaugural series is being incorporated in this weekend's European championship two-man event, with Phipps currently lying joint second with 33 points.

Several leading drivers are either not entered or have competed in only one of the three previous rounds. Phipps and his brakeman, Alan Cearns, can therefore finish as low as thirteenth of those competing for cup points and still be certain of finishing ahead of the likes of Russia's Zintis Ekmanis, East Germany's Detlef Richter and Switzerland's Hans Hihebrand.

Providing he sorts out his exit from the Sunny corner, which he has been getting wrong all week in practice, the Londoner could even be celebrating a gold medal tomorrow night.

GOLF

Langer breaks the course record to join Faldo in lead

MELBOURNE (Reuter): Bernhard Langer, of West Germany, broke the Huntingdale course record with a 64 yesterday to join Britain's Nick Faldo in the lead after two rounds of the Australian Masters championship.

Langer's nine-under-par round shattered the previous record of 66, which he had shared since last year's Masters. Langer and Faldo, who collected a 73 yesterday, were six under par on 140, two strokes ahead of the Australian, John Clifford, with Japan's Akira Yabe on 143.

One shot further back were the Victorian Open champion, Ian Baker-Finch and New Zealander Greg Turner.

Langer, 27, described the round as one of his best, second only to his 10-under-par 62 in the final round of last year's Spanish Open in Valencia. The West German began the day three over par and nine strokes off the pace after an opening 76. But he set about making up lost ground in spectacular fashion, attacking from the start to turn in seven under 30.

The first of his seven birdies came at the par three third hole, where he sank a two-yard putt. Wedge shots to within six yards at the fifth and a yard at the sixth brought him successive birdies.

Then at the seventh a three-iron second shot landed a yard from the pin and he rolled in the putt for an eagle three.

Langer finished a memorable first nine holes with two straight birdies from six yards. His flawless home run included two more, at the 13th and 14th.

He attributed much of his success to a lesson from the coach, Peter Kostis, in Hawaii two weeks ago. "He told me to get more radius in my swing and said I wasn't keeping my head still," he said.

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES: (Australian unless stated): 140: B Langer (WG) 76, 64; N Faldo (GB) 67, 73. 142: J Clifford 70, 72. 143: A Yabe (Japan) 73, 70. 144: G Turner (NZ) 73, 71; I Baker-Finch 72, 72. 145: A Forsbrand (Swe) 74, 71; F Nobilo (NZ) 73, 72; P Fowler 73, 72; T Gale 71, 74. 146: D Moore 73, 73; R Swanson 76, 70; S Reese (NZ) 76, 70. 147: B Jones 73, 74; K Devlin (Mex) 74, 73; V Somers 73, 74; M Harwood 74, 73. 148: B Shearer 77, 71; M Colandro (US) 75, 73; G Alexander 75, 73; L Stephen 75, 73; G Norman 78, 72; I Stanley 74, 74; G Lyle (GB) 74, 74. 149: B Shaw 72, 77; D Merriman 71,78; J Crow 78, 71; J Senior 76, 73; R Coombes (NZ) 73, 76. Other British scores: 151: M McLean 75, 76. 153: G Brand, Jnr 78, 77; S Torrance 76, 77.

● SINGAPORE (AFP(– Kim Shipman, of the United States, lead by two strokes after the second round of the Singapore Women's Open Golf Championship

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES: 144: K Shipman (US), 74 70. 146: K Mundinger (Can), 70, 76; Wu Ming-Yeh (Taiwan), 73, 73. 147: Huang Yueh-Chyn (Taiwan), 73, 74. 148: K Ikoma (Japan), 74, 74; T Welbourn (US), 76, 72; J Bertram (US), 74, 74. 149: J Cote (US), 77, 72. 150: T Myers (US), 73, 77; F Nagaya (Japan), 73, 77.

Valentine leads the course massacre

From John Ballantine, San Diego

Ninety nine players beat par on the North and South courses of the Torrey Pines public courses in the opening round of the San Diego Open on Thursday. In perfect weather conditions, Tony Valentine made it truly "his" day with a 64, and he is one of four joint leaders, ahead of another group, which included 54-year-old Gene Littler, who won here 31 years ago and who has since survived a cancer operation. Peter Oosterhuis, who went out with five birdies in 31 but had to get a dramatic eagle on the last hole, finished with 67.

Mark O'Meara's ambition to become the first professional since Gary Player in 1978 to win three titles in succession, ended at the par-four fifth on the North course, where he took an eight after twice being down a ravine close to signs which read: "Watch out for snakes". He was likely to need a 67 on the more difficult South, today, even to qualify for the last two round, and Tom Watson (par 72) was having similar troubles.

Oosterhuis, who was upholding Europe's honour in the absence of Nick Faldo and Bernhard Langer and the aspiring tour regular, Sandy Lyle, all away in Australia, went out on the South brilliantly, but after faltering on the home stretch by missing the 12th and 14th greens, he eagled the 501-yard final hole.

A mighty three wood just cleared the guarding pond and he ran a 50-footer straight in. The Londoner likes this wonderful stretch of linksland, which runs along the cliff top 800ft above the glittering Pacific. He finished with 66 last year, and seventh position

Littler's success was matched by that of several new young qualifiers from the tour "school", who should be watched carefully, among them Steve Pate (no relation to Jerry), Andrew Magee and Jeff Coston. Littler, who lives locally with his family and his "stable" of old Rolls Royces, Bentleys and Jaguars, was asked if he thought he could win again.

"Gene the Machine" screwed up his deep-set eyes, wrinkling his leathery face, "Wouldn't that be something" he replied. "I'm not going to back off.

LEADING SCORES (US unless stated): 64: G Hallberg; D Pooley; H Twitty; T Valentine. 65: B Lietke; G Littler; S Tate; L Roberts; V Hefner. 66: J Renner; B Crenshaw; J Pate; J Haas; P Hancock. Other scores: 67: P Oosterhuis (GB). 70: D Frost (SA).



Littler: surprise comeback

RUGBY LEAGUE

Thawing the programme down the hotline

By Keith Macklin

Frantic telephone calls hither and thither by club secretaries have produced a strange mixture of cup and league games arising out of the weather chaos. Two Silk Cut Challenge Cup first round games will be played by courtesy of the expanding relationship between rugby league and football. They are Wigan v Batley, which will be played at Burnden Park, Bolton, and the Oldham v Castleford match which will take place at Boundary Park, the Oldham Athletic football ground.

The game at Oldham is subject to a rather bizarre circumstance. The clubs had agreed to the switch, and last night all that remained was for a set of rugby posts to be found for Boundary Park. Local schools were being contacted.

A third Challenge Cup game likely to be played tomorrow is the Salford v Swinton local derby, which could have been played at Main Road, the Manchester City ground, had not Salford elected to remain loyal to their supporters.

As a result of the postponement of the St Helens v Hull Kingston Rovers tie, two league games were hastily rearanged, and they involve teams near the top of the table. Leeds and Hull Kingston Rovers will play their scheduled game at Headingley, and St Helens will travel to Hull as a result of yesterday's exchange of telephone calls.

Headingley's underground heating enabled yet another first division game to be played today, a relegation battle between Halifax and Barrow. Decisions on the remaining cup ties will be made after ground inspections today.

REAL TENNIS

Atkins matures with age

By William Stephens

Geoffrey Atkins showed on Thursday that at the age of 57 he has lost none of his grace and touch when with Tom Pugh, aged 47, he defeated Robin Hollington and Fred Satow, both in their twenties, 15-9, 15-2, 6-15, 15-11, 15-2 in the Celestion Amateur doubles championship at Queen's Club.

Moving effortlessly into the perfect position, Atkins stroked and occasionally whipped the ball, while Pugh commanded the front of the court.

Hollington was deliberate in his footwork, but his shots lacked penetration, often coming up off the back wall.

In a schools match Rugby, at home, defeated Clifton. Desmond Martin and Guy Devereux beat Giles Palmer and David White, both aged 16, 15-17, 4-15, 15-10, 15-9, 15-6, 15-13.

AMATEUR DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP: Third Round: M W Nicholls/P C Nicholls bt G J McDonald/A P H White 15-1, 15-8, 15-2, 15-7.

FOR THE RECORD

BOWLS

MELBOURNE: Women's world championships: Pairs: Sixth round: England (N Shaw, J Valle) 40, Western Samoa 10; Ireland (E Bell, N Alsby) 22, Papua New Guinea 14; Hong Kong 19, Wales (J Davies, B Morgan) 15; Scotland (E Christie, S McCrone) 25, Argentina 12. Seventh round: Wales 36, Argentina 8; Ireland 33, Hong Kong 19; Scotland 18, Canada 17; Zimbabwe 20, Jersey 16; Papua New Guinea 22, England 18. Standings: Australia 14pts; Canada, England, Fiji, Ireland, Israel, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea 10; Hong Kong, Wales, Zimbabwe 8; Botswana, Jersey, Kenya, Scotland 6; Western Samoa 4; Swaziland, United States 2; Argentina 0.

Triples: Sixth round: England (B Atherton, B Stubbings, M Steele) 29, Western Samoa 7; Ireland (M Wilson, M Barber, M Johnston) 37, Papua New Guinea 8; Hong Kong 18, Wales (R Jones, M Jones L Parlan) 14; Scotland (S Gourley, A Evans, R Whyte) 15, Argentina 11. Seventh round: England 20, Papua New Guinea 12; Hong Kong 19, Ireland 14; Canada 24, Ireland 14; Canada 24, Scotland 20; Zimbabwe 24, Jersey 15; Wales 24 Argentina 17. Standings: Australia 14pts; Hong Kong 12; Botswana, England, Fiji, New Zealand, Scotland, Wales, Zimbabwe 10; Canada, Israel, United States 8; Swaziland 5; Ireland, Kenya, Papua New Guinea 4; Jersey 3; Western Samoa, Argentina 0.

SKIING

COPPER MOUNTAIN, Colorado: United States Alpine championships: (US unless stated) Men's downhill: 1, B Stenmrk (Can), 1min 53.65sec; 2, S Hegg, 1:53.58; 3, R Boyd (Can), 1:53.89; 4, A Chambers, 1:54.18; 5, A Lutn, 1:54.47. Women's downhill: 1, H Flanders, 1:38.56; 2, L McGahee, 1:40.10; 3, C Payne, 1:40.48; 4, C Oak, 1:40.57; 5, D Armstrong, 1:40.58.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUP: First round: Hull 52, Carlisle 8.

SKI JUMPING

SAPPORO: International meeting: (70 metre ski jump): 1, A Sato, 233pts (94 and 92 metres; 2, M Akimoto, 219.7 (92.5'87); 3, C Nishikata, 195.2 (81.5'88.

SQUASH RACKETS

PREMIER SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT: South-east semi-final: Seaford 3, Aylesbury GS.

PREMIER SQUASH LEAGUE

	P	W	L	Pts
Cannons	12	10	2	62
Manchester N	11	9	2	51
Squash Leicester	11	8	3	52
Edgbaston Priory	12	8	4	47
Tyrrells	11	5	6	43
Armley	11	5	6	34
Nottingham	11	3	8	28
Redwood Lodge	12	2	10	22
Dunnings Mill	13	2	11	15

HELSINGBORG: Swedish Open: First round: Men: W Hosey (N Ire) bt K Hussein Khan (Pak) 10-8, 9-4, 10-8; Karimullah Khan (Pak) bt Cornish (GB) 9-1, 9-4, 9-4; D Lloyd (GB) bt J Westerholm (Swe) 9-2, 8-1, 8-1. Women: A Cumings (GB) bt L Fristen (Swe) 9-0, 9-0, 8-0; L Soutter (GB) bt T Backlund (Swe) 9-3, 9-1, 9-2; L Opie (GB) bt S L White (GB) 9-4, 7-9, 9-0, 9-2.

FOOTBALL

MONTEVIDEO: Uruguay 2, Finland 1.

CALI: Colombia 1, Poland 0.

SYDNEY: FIFA World Youth Championships: Oceania qualifying round: Australia 2, New Zealand 1; Israel 3, Chinese Taipei 1; Fiji 5, Papua New Guinea 1.

Brazilian league: Vasco da Gama 1, Santa Cruz 1; Nacional 1, Fluminense 0; Bahia 0, America of Rio 2; Coritiba 0, Flamengo 1; Guarani 4, Portuguesa Desportos 2; Palmeiras 2, Cruzeiro 0; Atletico Mineiro 1, Internacional 0. Leading positions: Group A: 1, Guarani, 9 pts; 2, Atletico Mineiro and Gremio, 8. Group B: 1, Flamengo 9; 2, Internacional and Bahia, 7.

ICE HOCKEY

UNITED STATES: National league: Hartford Whalers 4, New Jersey Devils 0 Philadelphia Flyers 6, Quebec Nordiques 3; Detroit Red Wings 5, Minnesota North Stars 5; St Louis Blues 5, Toronto Maple Leafs 3; Chicago Black Hawks 5, Pittsburgh Penguins 4; Washington Capitals 4, Calgary Flames 3; Los Angeles Kings 3, Boston Bruins 3.

BOXING

MELBOURNE: International Boxing Federation junior lightweight championship: Lester Ellis (Aus) bt Hwanid Yuh (S Kor), pts.

ATLANTIC CITY: Featherweight bout: Bernard Taylor (US) bt Gerald Hayes, pts.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Milwaukee Bucks 132, Indiana Pacers 128; Houston Rockets 113, New York Knicks 105; Denver Nuggets 138, Kansas City Kings 123; San Antonio Spurs 131, Phoenix Suns 102; Boston Celtics 110, Seattle Supersonics 84.

ISTANBUL: World championship qualifying match: Turkey 70, Albania 60.

GOLF

YAMOUSSOUKRA: Ivory Coast open, first round (GB unless stated): 67: D Llewellyn, 69, B Gunson; P Tupling; G Broadbent. 70: A Murray; M Mackenzie; C Mellman; D Leglise (Fr); P Cowen. 71: A Stubbs; J Fowler; P Harrison; B Marchbank; W McColl. 72: C Platts; S Martin; P Thomas. 73: L Fickling; G Smith; W Longmuir; M Miller; S Brand sr. 74: P Carrigill; G Turner. 75: W Mitchell; R Craig; H Muscroft; D Barron (Ire); J Morgan; L Owens (Ire); G Harvey. 76: R Fitch. 77: S Smith, G Davies. 78: G Ralph, K Waters, D Jagger.

TABLE TENNIS

OSTRAVA: Czechoslovak open championships: Men's team, Second round: Yugoslavia bt England, 3-0. Women's team, first round: England bt Poland, 3-0. Second round: Czechoslovakia "A" bt England, 3-0.

FOOTBALL: FIVE FA CUP TIES ARE POSTPONED AND THE POOLS PANEL IS CALLED IN FOR THE FIFTH TIME IN SIX WEEKS

Sports Commentary



David Miller

Having awarded the 1986 World Cup to Mexico in *questionable circumstances* – palpable favouritism to the 1970 hosts and no vote ever taken by the executive committee – FIFA are already discovering that the *Mexican organizing committee* have taken the law into their own hands. Alarming tales circulated about commercial deals in 1970; now, it seems, the 1986 tournament will be deeper in controversy then were even the last finals in Spain – which were bad enough in the manipulation of tickets and hotels.

FIFA contracts with exclusive advertisers are being bypassed by Mexicans, I understand, as is the FIFA merchandising contract with ISL, the Lucerne-based company jointly owned by *Dentsu of Japan and Adidas*. There are those who will find a certain ironic humour in one commercial group gazumping another, but the alarming aspect is that FIFA seems to have lost control.

One of FIFA's eight major sponsors next year, each paying millions of dollars for advertising rights, are JVC. They are irate to learn that Philips have sold huge quantities of camera equipment to Mexican Television on condition they buy substantial advertising slots, *which will directly rival JVC's* exclusivity. Mexican Television are owned by Emilio Escaragga, a close friend of João Havelange, the FIFA president.

Tickets for the final only are being sold on condition of purchase of an equivalent number for all other match days; and TV commercial advertisers are receiving priority treatment in ticket distribution. The destination of some tickets in 1982 is still being investigated.

The Mexican organizing committee are dominatd not by the football federation president, Rafael de Castillo, but by Guillermo Canedo, the FIFA vice-president. He is understood *to be a major shareholder in* Telemundi, a similar organization to ISL and rivals for marketing World Cup logos. Canedo's son is operating a similar agency in Brazil under contract to the Brazilian federation: the 1984-86 contract is claimed by the newspaper, *Journal do sport*, to be worth $7 million.

Anothr row currently involves NCB Television, the European Broadcasting Union and Mexican Television. It seems that NBC, who have exclusive North American rights, and the EBU were being denied camera positions, and would be dependent on Mexican Service. The EBU, for whose benefit Fifa have sanctioned midday kick-off times, are, I understand, disputing the matter.

At the 1983 meeting in Stockholm when the World Cup hoists were decided, Mexico's presentation of their case lasted eight minutes: enough time, it was said by cynical observers, to shake hands. In the absence of any present restraint by Havelange, the only man who can put a check on Mexican autocracy is Herman Nueberger, chairman of Fifa's organizing committee. He needs to hurry, it seems.

England's bid to stage the 1988 European championships has not unexpectedly failed. Sources *close to* the Uefa executive committee – which includes Bert Millichip, the FA chairman – say that President Jacques Georges, of France, and *his* colleagues are in total agreement that they cannot expose football's name to the risk of hooligan involvement at English grounds, whatever the FA's promise of unrivalled communications facilities and guaranteed profits. The decision does not resolve, of course, the potential problem of England's team visiting another luckless country.

The committee meet next week – Millichip will, of course, not be able to vote – and I understand that West Germany are, predictably, the clear favourites in front of the Scandinavian conglomerate.

Robert Maxwell is, as usual, not underestimating himself. The new TV negotiating committee of the League, given a mandate at last, now have "*immense authority*," he claims. The three added to the committee are wealthy self-made businessmen: Ken Bates, of Chelsea, Irving Scholar, of Tottenham Hotspur, and Mr Maxwell, their collective years in football administration barely reaching double figures.

They cannot squeeze more *money out o the BBC/ITV*, who are in a buyers' market. All they can do is sell a smaller package – less television, less money – which achieves nothing. The big clubs would lose substantial income and all clubs would remain threatened by *any* live television.

The only sane solution is what should have happened years ago: no television. Yet if that happens the top 10 clubs will be unable to pay the wages.

Chilling prospect as fixture pile-up runs into World Cup

By Clive White

The FA Cup braced itself for a severe shunting yesterday, after all but three of the fifth-round games were called off because of the weather. If the freezing temperatures continue next week, as the forecasters predict, it could cause such a pile-up that as many as six fifth-round ties would have to be played in the week of the sixth round.

The reason is that FA rules state that in the event of further postponements, the games must be played on the following Monday, February 25. That is only two days before the World Cup qualifying games involving England, Northern Ireland and Scotland, and the player demands for these games would *take preference*.

Merseyside triumphed again yesterday when their clubs apparently escaped the icy clutch of the weather which decimated another cup and League programme. Only two of the ties, those involving Everton and Liverpool, were still *resisting* the sub-zero temperatures last night and 13 League games, including six in the third division for some inexplicable reason. The pools panel will sit for the fifth time in six weeks.

Telford *United*, only the fourth non-League club to reach this round, are hopeful that their day should not be ruined or even disrupted in any way. Stan Storton, the manager, intends to keep the Gola League club's normal pre-match routine, and although the destination this time is Goodison Park, the team coach will still pick up players en route. The team will be announced at the pre-match lunch at usual and it will be chosen from the 12 who thumped Darlington in the *previous round, plus Williams*, a foreward.

Williams was forced to miss the last tie because of a groin strain but scored in all four earlier rounds and is expected to return to the painful exclusion of one of six team members who live on Merseyside. Eaton, a baker, lives a couple of miles from Goodison Park. "From my home you can hear the roars from the Merseyside derby games," he says.

Eaton will have a special incentive for beating Everton: he is a Liverpool supporter. He will also be renewing an aquaintance with his opposite number at Everton, Mountfield. Eaton was a professional at Tranmere Rovers when Mountfield was an apprentice. If you look further, Williams and McKenna both bare tatoos proclaiming "Everton forever".

Everton, the League leaders, have been warned that Telford are going there to win. Storton said: "We are determined to do ourselves justice. It would be suicidal to pack our defence and let Everton dictate. I think we will surprise a few people with the quality of our football." Telford will have the backing of about 10,000 supporters.

Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, said he would conclude his pre-match talk to his FA Cup holders with the words "Remember Wembley." Kendall said: "I know how much they enjoyed last season's triumphs. All I have to do is remind them of it." But he does not expect any scoring records, despite his team having scored 12 goals in the last four games. "They are one of the best non-League sides I've watched. They don't play and rush and it's easy *to see why they have beaten* so many League teams," he said. Everton, who have Reid fit, expect a 40,000 crowd. "Telford will collect more than £50,000 as their share of the gate," Kendall said. "Let's hope that is all they take away."

York City, without the luxury of undersoil heating, unlike Everton, are relying on about 30 tons of straw and polythene to do the trick for the tie against Liverpool. They will have a morning inspection. The high-scoring third division side have *run into a cluster of injuries to* their forwards, and Viv Busby, the assistant manager who played for Fulham in an FA Cup final, is being considered. "They felt a bit flat after failing to score at home to Plymouth." Denis Smith, the manager said. Houchen, who scored the winner against Arsenal in the previous round, and Walwyn, are receiving intensive treatment, as is Senior, a full back.

Liverpool retain Gillespie for the injured Lawrenson, and Lee, out of the side since the *beginning of November, dis*places Walsh as the substitute.

Chelsea have again spent heavily – £10,000 on industrial heaters in an attempt to beat the *freeze* and the suspension of Speedie. Should the game against Newcastle United go ahead – it was passed fit yesterday – Speedie would complete a two-match ban and be available to lead Chelsea's struggle to recover a two-goal deficit in the Milk Cup semi-final, second leg against Sunderland on Wednesday. Speedie missed the first leg. It will be the only game in the first division and London. Newcastle United's Waddle has gone down with back trouble and Ferris has been added to *the* squad.

Thursday's results

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: First round, first leg: Halifax 4, Darlington 1.
FA YOUTH CUP: Fourth round: Sheffield Wednesday 0, Tottenham Hotspur 1.
TOUR MATCH: Fulham 1, FK Austria 3.




Merseysiders return: Reid (left) fit for Everton; Lee substitute for Liverpool

Patient Smith seeks a place on the map

Dennis Smith can hardly claim to have put York on the map. In any case there would be a few followers of AS Roma who would dispute the matter. In fact it is hard to make any historical impact here in this city. Even today when Smith sends his team out to face Liverpool in the FA Cup fifth round he will not be making history. Thirty years ago York reached the semi-final round. The city, then, raised an eyebrow and lowered it.

"A few years ago Howard Kendall, one of my few firm friends in football, rang me to ask what I thought about him taking the manager's job at Blackburn Rovers," Smith said. "I told him that I thought the club had tradition, a knowledgeable public and a reasonable squad of players. Two years ago when the York City job was offered to me I rang Howard and asked him for his opinion. He said: 'You remember what you told me about Blackburn?' I said: 'Yes.' He said: 'Well, none of that applies to York'."

But in defence of the club which he nevertheless adopted, Smith was quick to point out that it has encouraging points, notably a progressive board. However, he remembers with horror his first visit to the fourth division club as a player on loan from Stoke City, of the first division. "As far as I was concerned they didn't know how to play; no organization," Smith said without a trace of conceit.

The crowds at that time averaged 1,800. Now they are nearly 6,000. In his second term as manager last season York finished fourth division champions with a huge goal difference of 57, and became the first team to record 100 points. This season, though a "disappointing" seventh, they have again scored *more* goals than anyone without letting in too many either.

The problem now is that the supporters are disappointed with anything less than a three-goal victory. Smith said: "We have to educate them. A lot of our supporters are young and used to watching televised highlights. They think there are just two penalty areas and forget about that bit in the middle. There's sometimes *total* silence."

Though a hard, no-frills player himself, Smith had good reason to respect the value of entertainers while at Stoke, where he joined in the celebration this week of Sir Stanley Matthews's 70th birthday. He played behind people like Dobson, Eastham and Hudson, not to mention in front of the likes of Banks and Shilton. "I was very fortunate. And keepers like that made me look a good centre half," he said. Modesty apart, Smith thought he was second only to McFarland in that position at the time. Not many would argue with that. But he never played for England though Don Revie called him up into one of those outsized squads and Sir Alf Ramsey told him recently he also would have included him in squads but for injuries, of which Smith had plenty.

He holds the Guinness sporting record for broken limbs – 20, including five broken legs. Even the steel plate in an arm broke once. That record made his 14 seasons in the first divison all the more remarkable. And when he stopped playing illness picked up where injury left off. He was in hospital at the start of the season for a month with suspected leukemia after an insect bite. It turned out to be blood deficiency due to earlier bouts of gangerine and sepsis.

During his playing career Manchester United, Everton, Leeds United and Nottingham Forest all expressed an interest in the lean, tough Smith, but he remained loyal to his native Stoke. However, he also admits a softening in his ambition which he is keen to guard *against now*. "*I told York the day* I arrived that this was just a stepping stone. I will manage in the first *division sooner or later," he said.*

His heart no longer rules his head and despite strong public appeal for him to return home to save Stoke from, if not this season's relegation, then next season's – from the second division – he said: "I'm not going to commit suicide. The time is not right."

He believes in sensible housekeeping. "I don't want the bank to manage the club." When York's chairman told him in his first season that he could buy someone, he told the chairman that the club could not afford it. "I guard the money as though it were my own," he said. So far he has made a profit in each season and his transfer dealing are £35,000 to the good.

"There's no reason why that cannot be done at the top level," Smith said. His two purchases are Houchen, who scored the winner against Arsenal in the previous round of the Cup, and Banton, who has scored eight goals in 11 games, but is cup-tied. Only two players who were in the first team when he arrived are still there.

York have gone eight games without conceding a goal and such a defensive fortress will be necessary and appropriate in this walled city against Liverpool. "We had them watched the other night against Arsenal. But nothing new to report. They're good!" he said with deliberate understatement.

The Minstermen have some way to go before they reach that standard, but gradually Smith is putting York FC on the city map. Who knows, in another 30 years Bootham Crescent might be included in the guided tour along with the Roman remains and church spires. But they must remember: York was not built in a day.

Clive White

Underdogs go out as Strachan pounces on error

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Blackburn Rovers ... 0
Manchester United ... 2

Despite a plucky performance from Blackburn Rovers of the second division, there was no giant-killing act in the fifth round of the *FA Cup* last night, as Manchester United, in the end won comfortably.

Those who maintain that live television coverage should be restricted almost solely to cup ties would have enjoyed the evidence scattered across Blackburn's ground, hidden amid terraced houses. Although all the 23,000 tickets had been sold, many more people left the warmth of their living rooms and lingered outside in the vague hope of seeing the game for themselves.

If hyperthermia was one danger, boredom was not another. Although the frozen pitch resembled a huge slab of green concrete and conditions were rendered visibly awkward, there was enough activity around Bailey's goalmouth to lift the hopes of the home supporters. Those of United's had been raised within *half a dozen minutes*.

The surface was clearly to blame as Rathbone stamped an early and unenviable mark on the evening. In attempting to control Olsen's aimless cross, he trod on the ball and left it *lying as temptation for Strachan. The* Scottish international took out his sand wedge and chipped it softly over the stranded Gennoe.

Whiteside immediately almost hooked in McGrath's downward header, but apart from Keeley's wayward back-pass, that Gennoe allowed to roll dangerously close to his line, it was United's defence that was to withstand the greater pressure.

Of their previous thirty opponents this season, only Portsmouth in the third round had defied Blackburn's predators. As they searched for the breakthrough, Quinn, one of their few signings, who has claimed all three of their goals in this competition so far, was prominent on either side of the interval.

Although Hughes, exploding through a gap between Fazackerley and Rathbone before firing into the side netting, and especially Strachan, who broke through on his own, almost put United further ahead, Blackburn's challenge was to rise higher and higher. It was to reach its peak after they had brought on Garner to replace Thompson.

However, when Whiteside put through Hughes, the United forward was caught by Gennoe, and the referee awarded a penalty. Much to Rovers relief, Strachan blasted it over the bar.

But with two minutes left, United extended their lead when McGrath, running through, mishit the ball off his leg and the ball trickled past the goalkeeper.

BLACKBURN ROVERS: T Gennoe; J Branagan, M Rathbone, S Barker, G Keeley, D Fazackerley, I Miller, C Randell, C Thompson, J Quinn, N Brotherston.
MANCHESTER UNITED: G Bailey; J Gidman, A Albiston, R Moses, K Moran, G Hogg, P McGrath, G Strachan, M Hughes, N Whiteside, J Olsen.
Referee: G Courtney (Spennymoor).

Dancing prospects slim for Raith

By Hugh Taylor

It is a long time since an English football commentator had all Scotland chortling wih a remark *which has gone down in history* as a classic radio clanger. "They will be dancing in the streets of Raith tonight," he announced after the Rovers of Kirkcaldy had fought their way into the semi-final of the Scottish Cup.

Alas for the followers of the Fife club, there is unlikely to be a smile, never mind a jig of joy, on the footpaths of the town tonight after their fourth round tie at Starks Park.

Raith Rovers are no longer considered the doughty cup fighters who were once feared by every Goliath, haveing become yet another good old club who have fallen on hard times. They are, indeed, occupying an undistinguished place in the second division and their task this afternoon is the most formidable faced by any Scottish club.

They meet Aberdeen, who are not only Scottish champions and leaders of the premier division, but are even more invinceable in the Cup, which they appear to have turned into their own personal game of monopoly. In winning the trophy three years in succession and having been made firm favourites to find themselves the possessors again for a record four years in a row, they have played 20 consecutive titles without defeat.

Raith, however, are not without hope. While admitting that Aberdeen "may on their day be the best side in Britain," the Rovers manager, Bobby Wilson, argues: "The hard ground could be a great leveller. Anyhow we are not without pride and we have a fine cup tradition."

He added cautiously: "If we play to our potential then we have a chance. But I'll say no more than that." Which makes him a wise man.

Meanwhile, the managers of Rangers and Celtic were pondering a problem of blend. So far neither club has been successful in finding the formation to bring the consistent success their supporters crave and both will announce team changes today.

Rangers, who meet Dundee at Ibrox in what should be the match of the day, have to find a replacement for their striker, Johnstone, who is not eligible. They will need to be in sharper form than that they showed against Moscow Dynamo on Wednesday if they are to find their way into the quarter-finals at the expense of Dundee, who not only put Rangers out of the competition last season but showed they are again in good heart by beating Celtic last Saturday.

Celtic have dropped three regulars, Reid, Burns and Colquhoun, and restored the promising Grant in midfield; but they will be without their Republic of Ireland international goalkeeper, Bonnar, who is injured, for their tie with Inverness Thistle. But Celtic are hardly likely to suffer the same fate which overtook Kilmarnock, at the first division, last week, who were beaten 3-0 by the Highland League side.

As Dundee United should account for the struggling Queen of the South at Dumfries, only Rangers of the four leading Scottish clubs appear to be in any danger of slipping out of the Cup.

FOOTBALL, RUGBY UNION AND OTHER FIXTURES FOR THE WEEKEND

Kick-offs 3.0 unless stated

FA Cup Fifth round

Everton v Telford ...
Ipswich Town v Sheffield Wed ... P
Luton Town v Watford ... P
Millwall v Leicester City ... P
Southampton v Barnsley ... P
Wimbledon v West Ham United ... P
York City v Liverpool ...

OTHER MATCH: Exeter City v Aston Villa.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool v Manchester United.

GOLA LEAGUE: Bath v Enfield; Boston United v Kettering; Dartford v Dagenham; Frickley v Weymouth; Gateshead v Maidstone; Scarborough v Altrincham; Yeovil v Runcorn.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Burton Albion v Worksop; Goole v Workington; Grantham v Bangor; Marine v Witton; Mossley v Gainsborough; Southport v Stafford.
BASS IRISH CUP: Second round: Ards v Ballymoney; Ballyclare Comrades v Glentoran; Ballymena v Killyleagh; Glenavon v Cliftonville; H and W Welders v Portadown; Larne v Linfield; Limavady United v Distiller; RUC v Coleraine.

FA VASE: Fifth round: Braintree Town v Collier Row; Bury Town v *Wisbech Town; Halesowen* v Wythenshaw Amateurs; Hucknall Colliery Welfare v Exmouth (2.15): Fifth round replays: Chester-le-Street v Fleetwood (2.15); Sharpness v Sudbury (2.15).
UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Baldock v Ampthill; Bourne v Wootton; Brackley v Irthlingborough; Desborough v *Eynesbury; Long Buckby* v Arlesey; Newport Pagnell v Raunds; Potton v Buckingham; Rothwell v Holbeach; Stotfold v S and L Corby; St Neots v Stamford.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE (2.30): Premier division: Aldenhamians v Westminsters; Chigwellians v Cholmeleians; Malvernians v Brentwoods. *First division*: Ardinians v Etonians; Citizens v Wellingburians; Harrovians v Salopians; Wykehamists v Bradfieldians.

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE (2.30): Bowers United v Brentwood; Brightlingsea v East Ham United; Canvey Island v Ford United; Coggeshall v Chelmsford Res; East Thurrock v *Eton Manor*; Halstead Town v Maldon Town; Wivenhoe v Witham Town (3.00).
COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE Premier Division: Chobham v B.Ae (Weybridge); Cranleigh v Malden Vale; Farleigh Rovers v Westfield; Farnham Town v Virginia Water; Fleet Town v Cove; Frimley Green v Malden Town; Horley Town v Hartley Wintney; Merstham v Southwick.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division (8.00): Bracknell Pirates v Sperrings Solent Stars; Crystal Palace Supersonics v Homespare Bolton; FSO Cars Manchester United v Nissan *Bears Worthing; John Carr Doncaster* v Cottrills Manchester Giants; Kingcraft Kingston v Sunderland Maestros; Poundstretcher Hemel Watford v Davenports Birmingham; Walkers Crisps Leicester v Portsmouth.
Second division (8.00): Calderdale Explorers v John Eld Derby; Sandwell Mall v Brunel Ducks Uxbridge.
First division (women): Avon Northampton v Sheffield Hatters (4.45); Daihatsu Crystal Palace v Enfield Browns (6.00); Homespare Bolton v Bath (6.00); Kingcraft Kingston v Solent Suns (4.00); TCB Worthing Wasps v Vogue Travel Manchester (4.00).

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: *Premier division*: Ayr Bruins v Nottingham Panthers (7.0); Cleveland Bombers v Fife Flyers (6.30); Southampton Vikings v Durham Wasps (at Oxford 5.0). First division: Blackpool Seagulls v Lee Valley Lions (7.0); Grimsby Buffaloes v Crowtree Chiefs (7.15); *Peterborough Pirates v Glasgow* Dynamos (6.30).

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men's first division: Volvo Trucks v Team Scottish Farm; Dundee Kirkton v Bellshill Cardinals; Falkirk v AT Mays Travel; MIN V Glasgow Greg. Women's first division: West Coast v Team Scottish Farm; Larbert v Telford; Finnies Sport v Carluke; Inverclyde v Jets; Alchentoshan v Whitburn.

First division

Aston Villa v Arsenal ... P
Chelsea v Newcastle United ...
Stoke City v West Bromwich ... P
Tottenham v Nottingham Forest ... P

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier Division; Barking v Worthing; Bognor Regis v Bishop's Stortford; Carshalton v Wokingham; Dulwich Hamlet v Sutton United; Epsom and *Ewell v Hendon; Harlow v Windsor and Eton*; Hayes v Walthamstow Avenue; Hitchin v Tooting and Mitcham; Leytonstone and Ilford v Croydon; Slough v Billercay; Wycombe Wanderers v Harrow. First division: Basildon v Boreham Wood; Bromley v St Albans; Chesham v Farnboro; Kingstonian v Walton and Hersham; Maidenhead v Clapton; *Metropolitan Police v Lewes*; Tilbury v Hornchurch; Wembley v Hertford; Woking v Staines. Second division south: Banstead v Hugerford; Chertsey v Grays; Dorking v Bracknell; Egham v Southall; Feltham v Camberley; Newbury v Horsham; Petersfield v Ruislip Manor; Rainham v Molesey; Uxbridge v Whyteleafe. Second Division north: Barton Rovers v Epping; *Chalfont St* v Marlow, Cheshunt, v Ware; Finchley v Berkhamsted; Flackwell Heath v Haringey; Heybridge Swifts v Saffron Walden; Hemel Hemstead v Tring; Royston v Stevenage; Wolverton v Harefield. Cup: Quarter-final: Hendon v Farnborough. Essex Senior Trophy: Semi final: Leyton Wingate v Stansted.

ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Leyton/Wingate v Stansted
HERTS SENIOR TROPHY: Third Round *Replay*: Welwyn Garden City v Sawbridgeworth (2.15).
OXFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: *Third Round*: Osberton Radiators v Bicester Town (2.0); *Oxford City v Morris Motors*; Thame United v Pressed Steel.
ALLDERS SURREY SENIOR CUP: Second Round: Ash United v Leatherhead (2.0).
WILTSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Third Round: Chippenham Town Res. v Highworth Town (2.0).

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: RUR Charity Cup: Third round (2.30): Hailsham Town v Steyning Town. Semi-Final (2.30): Eastbourne Town v Portfield. League Cup: First round (2.30): Pagham v Three Bridges. Second round (2.30): Horsham YMCA v East Grinstead. First Division: Arundel v Whitehawk; Lancing v Burgess Hill Town; Littlehampton Town v Peacehaven and Telscombe; Ringmer v Midhurst and Eastbourne; Wick v Hastings Town.

FA COUNTY YOUTH CUP: Fourth round: Middlesex v Oxfordshire (at Harrow Borough).

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon United v *Clanfield*; Didcot v Maidenhead; Fairford v Hounslow; Moreton v Wantage; Rayners Lane v Shortwood United; Supermarine v Abingdon; Wallingford v Almondsbury Greenway. Cup: Kintbury Rangers v Avon Bradford.

Second division

Birmingham City v Manchester City ... P
Carlisle United v Leeds United ... P
Charlton v Sheffield United ... P
Huddersfield Town v Crystal Palace ...
Notts County v Portsmouth ... P
Oldham Athletic v Cardiff City ...
Oxford United v Shrewsbury Town ... P
Wolverhampton v Grimsby Town ... P

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Alvechurch v Cheltenham; Chelmsford v Fisher; Crawley v AP Leamington; Fareham v Corby; Folkestone v King's Lynn; Gloucester v Hastings; Gravesend v Shepshed Charterhouse; Welling v RS Southampton; Witney v *Willenhall. Midland Division*: Aylesbury v Coventry Sporting; Bromsgrove v Banbury; Dudley v Rushden; Forest Green v Bridgnorth; Leicester United v Hednesford; Moor Green v Merthyr Tydfil; Stourbridge v Sutton Coldfield; Wellinboro v Oldbury; Redich v VS Rugby. Southern Division: Addlestone v Chatham; Andover v Canterbury; Basingstoke v Thanet; *Cambridge City v Tonbridge (at Tonbridge)*; Dorchester v Waterlooville; Dover v Hillingdon; Dunstable v Ashford; Erith and Belvedere v Poole; Sheppey v Salisbury; Woodford v Gosport Boro.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Cup, Fourth round: Alfreton Town v Spalding United; Belper Town v Eastwood Town; Brislington Town v *Ilkeston Town*; Denaby United v Borrowash Victoria; Guisley v *Dronfield United*; Harrogate Town v Maltby; Ossett Albion v Long Eaton United. Premier *division*: Bentley Victoria v Appleby Frodingham; Emley v Arnold; Guisborough Town v Heanor Town; Mexborough Town v Boston; Pontefract Colliery v Thackley; Sutton Town v Bridlington Trinity.
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Caernarfon Town v Eastwood Hanley; Congleton Town v Curzon Ashton; Glossop v Leek Town; Lancaster City v Stalybridge Celtic; Penrith v St Helens Town; Prescot Cables v Bootle; Radcliffe Boro v Netherfield.
GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE: *Premier* division: Barnstable v Frome; Bristol Manor Farm v Clevedon; Chard v Liskeard; Clendown v Bristol City; Mangotsfield v Plymouth Argyle; Melksham v Chippenham; Minehead v Shepton Mallet; Paulton Rovers v Bideford; Saltash v Devises; Weston-super-Mare v Dawlish.
EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Braintree v *Ely; Brantham v Clacton; Chatteris v Bury*; Harwich and Parkestone v Histon; Soham v Haverhill; Sudbury v Stowmarket; Tiptree v March; Thetford v Newmarket; Wisbech v Felixstowe. League Cup: Colchester v Lowestoft.
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: League Cup, second round: Redhill v Beckton. Premier division: Beaconsfield v Hanwell (2.45); Corinthian Casuals v BROB Barnet (2.0); Edware v Amersham; Pennant v Burnham (2.45); Swanley v Northwood (2.45); Thatcham v Danson.

Third division

Bolton Wanderers v Swansea City ...
Bournemouth v Newport County ... P
Burnley v Orient ...
Doncaster Rovers v Brentford ...
Hull City v Bradford City ...
Lincoln City v Wigan Athletic ...
Plymouth Argyle v Gillingham ... P
Preston North End v Cambridge Utd ... P
Reading v Walsall ... P
Rotherham United v Bristol City ...

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE (11.00): First division: Cambridge United v Orient; Charlton Athletic v Millwall; Fulham v *Gillingham; Ipswich v Chelsea; Portsmouth v* Arsenal; Southend United v Watford; Tottenham v Norwich. First division: Brentford v West Ham; Brighton v Tottenham; Luton v Reading; Swindon v Bristol Rovers; Wimbledon v Oxford United.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Arsenal v Southampton; Fulham v Reading (12.00); Norwich v Charlton (2.00); Portsmouth v Brighton (2.30); Swansea v Norwich;

HOCKEY

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE *Premier* division: Bedford v Long Sutton; Bishop's Stortford v Bluharts; Broxbourne v Brentwood; Cambridge City v Ipswich; Cambridgeshire Nomads v Norwich Grasshoppers; Norfolk Wanderers v Fords; St Neots v Harleston Magpies; Westcliff v Old Loughtonians.
Kent/Sussex: Folkestone Optimists v Thames Polytechnic; Gravesend v Lewes; Marden Russets v Herne Bay; Maidstone v Worthing; Old Beccehamians v Eastbourne; Old Bordenians v Horsham; Old Williamsonians v Lloyds Bank; South Saxons v Gore Court.
Middlesex/Berks, Bucks and Oxon: Amersham v Hayes; Bracknell v Aylesbury; City of Oxford v Hendon; Gerrards Cross v Staines; Polytechnic v Harrow Town Swans; Reading University v Marlow; Sunbury v Richings Park; Tilehurst v Banbury.
Women's Tournament: Junior Territonal (Ladies College, Cheltenham).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Surrey Championships (Wimbledon); Durham Championships (Gateshead); Cambridgeshire Tournament (Camonoge).
CROSS COUNTRY: Women's National CC Championships (Birkenhead); Surrey League (Coulsdon, Woking and Haslemere); Sussex League (Horsham); Kent League (Hayes); Welsh National Championships (men and women, all ages except senior women, Cardiff).
RACKETS: Amateur Doubles (Queen's Club, West Kensington).
REAL TENNIS: MCC Crickets v Cambridge Giraffes (Lord's); Browning Cup Professional Handicap Tournament (Oxford).
ROWING: Henley Fours Head.

Fourth division

Crewe Alexandra v Scunthorpe United ...
Halifax v Wrexham ...
Hartlepool v Darlington ...
Hereford United v Chesterfield ... P
Mansfield Town v Exeter City ... P
Peterborough v Aldershot ... P
Rochdale v Northampton ...
Swindon Town v Bury ... P
Torquay United v Colchester United ... P
Tranmere Rovers v Chester ... P

Scottish Cup Fourth round

Ayr United v St Mirren ...
Brechin City v Hearts ...
Celtic v Inverness Thistle ...
Forfar Athletic v Falkirk ...
Meadowbank v Motherwell ... P
Queen of South v Dundee United ...
Raith Rovers v Aberdeen ...
Rangers v Dundee ...

Scottish first division

Clyde v Aidrie ...
St Johnstone v Clydebank ...

Scottish second division

Albion Rovers v Arbroath ...
Alloa Athletic v Stranraer ...
Berwick v Queen's Park ... P
Dunfermline v Stirling Albion ...
Montrose v Cowdenbeath ...
Stenhousemuir v East Stirling ...

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL MATCH
France v Scotland (Paris, 2.00)
CLUB MATCHES
Birkenhead Park v Broughton Park ...
Boroughmuir v Gala ...
Glamorgan Wdrs v Cambridge Univ ...
Hawick v Sale ...
Heriots F.P. v Selkirk ...
Jed-Forest v Preston Grasshoppers ...
Kelso v Kilmarnock ...
Launceston v Camborne ...
Loughborough Stds. v Nuneaton (2.30) ...
Melrose v Edinburgh Acads ...
Morley v Durham Univ. (2.30) ...
Northern v West of Scotland (2.30) ...
Oxford Univ. v Oxford (2.30) ...
Redruth v Plymouth Albion ...
Roundhay v Hartlepool Rovers ...
Rugby v Cheltenham ...
Sheffield v Kendal ...
Waterloo v Harrogate (2.45) ...
Watsonians v Stewarts Mel F.P. ...
Wilmslow v Middlesbrough ...

SEVEN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE:
St Mary's Hospital v Esher.
SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE:
Guildford and Godalming v Salisbury; High Wycombe v Maidenhead.
EASTERN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE:
Old Westcliffians v Brentwood.
E.A.S.T. NORFOLK LEAGUE:
Crusaders v Diss; Holt v Wymondham.
HERTS MERIT TABLE:
Barnet v Bacavians; Old Albanians v Hertford; Tabard v Letchworth GC.
RADIO KENT MERIT TABLE:
Beckenham v Tonbridge.
SUSSEX MERIT TABLE:
Chichester v Burgess Hill; Seaford v Hove; Sussex Police v East Grinstead.
TRUMAN MERIT TABLE:
KCS OB V Old Hamptonians; Old Alleynians v Old Cranleighans; Old Croydonians v Bec OB; Old Surbitonians v Old Reigatians; Old Whitgiftians v Old Ruttishians.

RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Halifax v Barrow (at Headingley).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

FRIENDLY: Southend United v FK Austria.

RUGBY UNION

GREENE KING ESSEX CUP: Semi-final: East London v Harlow.
HAMPSHIRE CUP: Semi-finals: Alton v Havant; Eastleigh v Rushmoor.
SURREY CUP: Semi-final: Guildford and Godalming v Esher (at Old Rutlishians RFC).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Cottarills Manchester Giants v Davenports Birmingham (4.0); Crystal Palace Supersonics v Sunderland Maestros (8.0); Portsmouth F.C. v Homespare Bolton (4.0). Second division: Swindon Rakers v Camden (4.0); Team Wakefields Nottingham v Team Telecom Colchester (4.0).
NATIONAL TROPHY: Men, Semi-final: Glucodin Plymouth v Brunel Ducks Uxbridge (3.0).
SWITHLAND MOTORS TROPHY: Semi-final, second leg: Poundstretcher Hemel/Watford Royals v MIM Edinburgh (5.30). First division (women 2.0): Ashfield Glass Nottingham v London YMCA; Solent Suns v TCB Worthing Wasps; Daihatsu Crystal Palace v Vogue *Travel Manchester*.
NATIONAL CUP, Women, Final, second leg: Avon Northampton v Homespare Bolton, (3.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE:

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Bramley v Blackpool (3.30); Bradford Northern v Southend Invicta; Leigh v Huddersfield (3.30); Mansfield Marksmen v Hunslet (3.30); Oldham v Castleford (at Oldham Athletic FC); Rochdale v York; Salford v Swinton; Sheffield Eagles v Warrington; Whitehaven v Wakefield Trinity (3.30); Wigan v Batley (at Bolton FC); Workington v Dewsbury (2.30).
FIRST DIVISION: Hull v St Helens; Leeds v Hull KR.
SECOND DIVISION: Carlisle v Fulham; Runcorn v Doncaster.

HOCKEY

NORWICH UNION EAST COURNTY LEAGUE: Cambridgeshire v Norfolk (Wisbch); Suffolk v Bedfordshire (Cranes, Ipswich).
ATARI LONDON LEAGUE (2.45): *London University v Purley; Wimbledon v* Guildford.

VOLLEYBALL

MEN'S CUP: Quarter-finals: Falkirk v Volvo Trucks; Glasgow Gregg v Team Scottish Farm; Dundee Kirkton v Bellshill Cardinals; Telford Spikers v Murray International Metals.
WOMEN'S CUP: Quarter-finals: Team Scottish Farm v Whitburn; Telford v West Coast; Inverclyde v Carluke; Jets v Finnies.

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Ayr Bruins v Dundee Rockets (7.0); Murrayfield Racers v Nottingham Panthers (6.30); Streatham Redskins v Cleveland Bombers (6.15); Whitley Warriors v Fife Flyers (6.30). First division: Altrincham Aces v Grimsby Buffaloes (5.30); GI Solihull Barons v Glasgow Dynamos (6.0).
CHALLENGE MATCH: Lee Valley Lions v Don Mills Comets (Toronto, 7.0).

OTHER SPORTS

ATHLETICS: Luton Winter Open Graded Meeting (Stockwood Park, 11.0).
BADMINTON: Durham Championships (Gateshead LC).
CROSS COUNTRY: Southern Veterans CC Championships (Basildon). Brooks CC Runs (Fleet).
LACROSSE: Women's territorial tournament (at Berkhamsted School for Girls, 10.15).
RACKETS: Amateur Doubles (Queen's Club, West Kensington).
REAL TENNIS: Browning Cup Professional Handicap tournament (Oxford).
ROAD RUNNING: Hillingdon Express '5' (Ruislip). TSB Wokingham Half-marathon.
ROWING: Watneys Sculls Head (Hammersmith to Barnes).
SNOOKER: Dulux British Open (Assembly Rooms, Derby).

IN BRIEF

FISA threaten Tyrrell with more legal action

Paris (Reuter) – The International Motor Sport Federation (FISA) is planning further legal moves against the British Tyrrell Formula One racing team, the FISA secretary-general Yvon Leon said yesterday.

Two days ago a Paris appeal court upheld a ban imposed by FISA on Tyrrell last year for alleged violation of fuel regulations in the Detroit Grand Prix in June. Leon said Tyrrell had failed to respect commitments undertaken last year to abide by FISA rules and adhere to the Federation's sporting code.

The aim of new legal moves, whose form had yet to be decided, would be to clarify the situation and settle the issue once and for all, be said. "If Tyrrell wants to take part in 1985, he must respect the rules. If not, he cannot stay with us."

GOLF: David Llewellyn, of Britain, preserved his two-stroke lead in the Ivory Coast Open championship in blistering heat at Yamoussoukro yesterday. Despite a double bogey six at the last, Llewellyn produced a second round 70 to finish seven below par on 137, two ahead of fellow Briton Peter Harrison, who shot 68.

LEADING SCORES (GB unless stated): 137: D Llewellyn 67, 70; 139: P Harrison 71, 68; 141: W Longmuir 73, 68, M Miller 73,68, B Gunson 69, 72.

SKIING: Brian Stemmle, of Canada, stole the American thunder at the United States alpine skiing championships at Copper Mountain on Thursday by winning the men's *downhill*.

In the absence of the title holder, Bill Johnson, the Olympic gold medallist in Sarajevo a year ago, and Doug Lewis, third in the recent world championships in Bormio, the 18-year-old Canadian sped to victory in 1 min 53.55 sec, ahead of the American Steve Hegg, who won an Olympic gold medal last year in the 4,000m cycling pursuit race.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Hull Kingston Rovers have increased the transfer fee on their scrum half Paul Harkin from £20,000 to £30,000. Harkin was reserve to the New Zealand international Gordon Smith at the start of the season, but has now won a place in Great Britain's squad for the international against France after a series of brilliant displays.

CYCLO–CROSS: Roland Liboton, of Belgium, is preparing to battle his way through snow and ice to win his fourth consecutive professional title at this weekend's world championships in Munich. Liboton, 27, resumes his rivalry with Hennie Stamsnijder, of the Netherlands, the last man to beat him to a world title.

LACROSSE

Territories run into a snag

The second weekend of the All-England women's territorial championship at Berkhampstead has been abandoned because of frozen pitches. (Peter Taplow writes). The championship is left delicately poised and all territories are seeking an alternative weekend.

Next weekend is out of the question because of the England and Wales trials, but if the England reserves' match against British Universities on March 23 could be moved, that weekend would be free.

SNOW REPORTS

The following reports have been supplied by a tourist board:
SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: Upper and middle runs; complete, wide snow cover, surface icy. Lower slopes; complete, surface icy. Vertical runs: 1,800ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 1,900ft. Glenshee: Upper runs; complete, hard packed snow with icy patches. Lower slopes; ample nursery areas, hard packed snow lih icy patches. Vertical runs: 1,000ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 1,000ft. Glencoe (Open Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays only): Upper runs; three complete, hard packed snow with icy patches. Lower slopes; snow cover patchy, hard packed snow. Vertical runs: 1,000ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,800ft. Lecht: Upper and middle runs; complete, wide cover new snow with icy patches. *Lower slopes: ample nursery areas*, new snow with icy patches. Vertical runs: 700ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000ft.

MOTOR RALLYING

Blomqvist trails Vatanen

Karlstad, Sweden, (AFP) – Finland's Monte Carlo Rally winner, Ari Vatanen, was 20 seconds ahead of the world champion, Stig Blomqvist, after the first six special stages of the Swedish world championship rally.

Vatanen's Peugeot and Blomqvist's Audi Quattro clocked exactly the same time for the first special stage. Another Peugeot driver, Timo Salonen, of Finland, was third after six stages, but he was already 55 seconds behind Vatanen, the 1981 world champion, and 35 seconds adrift of Blomqvist, seven times winner of the event.

Walter Rohrl, West Germany's Monte Carlo Rally runner-up, was fourth in his Audi Quattro.

STANDINGS: 1, A Vatanen (Fin) and T Harryman (GB) Peugeot 205 58:18; 2, S Blomqvist and B Cederberg (Swe) Audi Quattro 20 sec behind; 3, T Salonen and S Harjanne (Fin) Peugeot 205 55; 4, W Rohrl and C Geistdorfer (WG) Audi Quattro 1:32; 5, H Mikkola (Fin) and A Hertz (Swe) Audi Quattro 1:55; 6, P Eklund (Swe) and D Whittock (GB) Audi Quattro 4:19; 7, M Ericsson and J Johansson (Swe) Audi Quattro 6:04; 8, M *Wilson and N Harris (GB) Audi 80 Quattro 6:12*; 9, G Pettersson and K Jonsson (Swe) Audi 80 Quattro 6:35; 10, M Jonsson and A Gustavsson (Swe) Opel Ascona 400 7:11.

RUGBY UNION

Scotland lose Baird as France seek to make up for disappointments

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

It may not be meteorologically correct just now to say it never rains but it pours, but that is what Scotland must surely be feeling as they prepare for their five nations championship encounter with France at the Parc des Princes in Paris this afternoon. At no stage this season have they been able to field the team they would have wished, and it was of a piece with their current luck that yesterday they lost Baird, the British Lions wing.

Baird injured a knee during the game with Ireland but came through a fitness test on Thursday, when the other wing, Tukalo, was forced to withdraw. However, reaction set in yesterday and Baird, too, was forced to drop out, to be replaced by the 26-year-old Gosforth schoolmaster, Pollock, for his eighth cap.

Pollock, who joined the Scottish replacements only after Tukalo's withdrawal, lost his lucky mascot status when he played in the team beaten by Romania last May. Previously he had never been on a losing Scottish side. His place as a replacement goes to Baird's Kelso colleague, Tait, who played as a centre in the B internationals against Ireland and France this season.

Since it is 16 years that Scotland last won in Paris (which means they have yet to win at today's stadium), since France will be seeking to erase the disappointment of Twickenham a fortnight ago and of Murrayfield a year ago; and since the Scots themselves are in somewhat dishevelled shape, it will be surprising indeed if the French do not win handsomely.

I doubt whether players of the known ability of Gallion and Lescarboura will perform so indifferently again. Both half-backs received a public rebuke from Jacques Fouroux, the coach, after the draw with England, and it may be that if Lescarboura is relieved of the duty of calling the moves for the backs – performed last year by Codorniou, the diminutive centre – he can concentrate on playing the game which comes naturally to him.

The French tight forwards are certainly good enough to hold their own against Scotland at the scrummage and Fouroux will have worked on his lineout during the last fortnight. Joinel's return will strengthen that area and though it may be said that Leslie will offer Scotland further options at the tail of the line, as well as in the loose play, it may not turn out that way.

The Scottish selectors admit that to play Leslie at all is a gamble, to make him captain a further gamble. There is no doubting his ability, as leader or player, but his match fitness must be in doubt. He has hardly played since October and to expect him to produce the wealth of possession he did during the grand slam season, and inspire the side in a way Laidlaw could not, is hard.

"Somehow we have got to lift ourselves again to the heights of last year", Leslie said yesterday. "I would be foolish not to recognize that this is a really tough nut to crack, but we are still quietly confident."

In both games there are 11 survivors from the game last March, when Scotland won the grand slam, but I doubt if there will be many echoes of that encounter. Dintrans, something of a hothead himself once, seemed to have a firm grip of his troops at Twickenham.

Moreover, Dintrans himself impressed with his good humour in – comparatively speaking – adverse circumstances after the Twickenham game. His team played hard but made mistakes – *c'est la vie* – and he roguishly suggested that since a drawn game in the *French club championship* counted as victory for the away side, why not in the five nations championship also? If Scotland earn a draw today they will doubtless consider it a moral win, but I doubt they will be able to enjoy the luxury of that position.

● The match between France and Scotland will be televised live on Grandstand, starting at 1.55.

Today's teams in Paris

France			Scotland	
S Blanco (Biarritz)	15	Full back	P W Dods (Gala)	15
L Pardo (Montferrand)	14	Right wing	P D Steven (Heriot's FP)	14
P Sella (Agen)	13	Right centre	K T Murray (Hawick)	13
D Codorniou (Narbonne)	12	Left centre	K W Robertson (Melrose)	12
P Estève (Narbonne)	11	Left wing	J A Pollock (Gosforth)	11
J-P Lescarboura (Dax)	10	Stand off	J Y Rutherford (Selkirk)	10
J Gallion (Toulon)	9	Scrum half	R J Laidlaw (Jed-Forest)	9
P Dospital (Bayonne)	1	Prop	G M McGuinness (West of Scotland)	1
P Dintrans* (Tarbes)	2	Hooker	C T Deans (Hawick)	2
J-P Garuet (Lourdes)	3	Prop	I G Milne (Harlequins)	3
J Gratton (Agen)	6	Flanker	J H Calder (Stewart's Melville FP)	6
F Haget (Biarritz)	4	Lock	A J Campbell (Hawick)	4
J Condom (Boucau)	5	Lock	T J Smith (Gala)	5
L Rodriguez (Mont-de-Marsan)	7	Flanker	D G Leslie* (Gala)	7
J-L Joinel (Brive)	8	No 8	I A M Paxton (Selkirk)	8
*Captain			*Captain	

Referee: L M Prideaux (England)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 B Herrero (Toulon), 17 P-E Dabrec (Nimes), 18 J-C Orso (Nice), 19 P Berbizier (Lourdes), 20 E Bonneval (Toulouse), 21 G Laporte (Graulhet).

REPLACEMENTS: 16 N A Rowan (Boroughmuir), 17 G J Callander (Kelso), 18 J Jeffrey (Kelso), 19 I G Hunter (Selkirk), 20 D S Wyllie (Stewart's Melville FP), 21 A Tait (Kelso).



Lescarboura: rebuked

England may make alternative plans

England, deprived of their game at Cardiff today, will give some thought over the weekend to contingency plans aimed at keeping their playing squad together before the next international, against Scotland on March 16 (David Hands writes). If the bitter weather remains, next weekend's John Player Special Cup games may be affected and the opportunity might arise to give England's players an impromptu match in some part of the country – the far West springs to mind – which may not be so badly affected.

The loss of several lines in the final paragraph of yesterday's story about the postponed international suggested that England's last April championship was against Wales in Cardiff in 1967. It was, in fact, against France in 1970 when England lost 35-13 and, a year earlier, they lost in April to Wales 30-9 in Cardiff.

English and Welsh clubs hoping to prepare today for Cup games on February 23 have been hit by the weather, though some like Waterloo, near the sea, were delaying a decision on their game with Harrogate. Their Cup opponents, Wasps, were awaiting a telephone call from Torquay this morning to see whether a game tomorrow is feasible.

One of the few England players who may get a game is Dooley, the Preston Grasshoppers lock, whose club are due to visit the Scottish borders and play Jed-Forest. Saracens hope to play their Middlesex Cup quarter-final with Metropolitan Police tomorrow, and Northampton are scheduled for a Sunday game with Coventry.

ATHLETICS

Toobys and weather main threat to Budd

By Pat Butcher

The only challengers to Zola Budd's authority in the English cross-country championships this afternoon are the Tooby twins and the conditions on the course at Arrowe Park, Birkenhead.

This is such a good opportunity for the Toobys to have a crack at Miss Budd, and for their club, Cardiff AAC, one of the strongest in Britain, to challenge for the English team trophy, that the Welsh women's commitee have deferred their senior race in the Welsh women's championships, also being held today, to a Gwent League fixture next week.

The Toobys, particularly women's distance running last year. Despite Angela's brainstorm in the same race last year – one of the favourites, she dropped out after 250 metres – she finished eighth on her debut in the world championship after leading the race for 90 per cent of the way.

After a successful road-running stint in the United States, where she broke two course records, Angela won the European clubs cross-country indivudual title in Madrid two weeks ago: Susan had previously won the home countries race at Sidcup. Their coach, Ann Hill, said last night that she felt Angela had the edge on her twin, and that they were both going to give Miss Budd a run for her money.

Ruth Smeeth, a former champion from aldershot and Farnham, the same club as Miss budd, should also be in contention since she finished a close second in Madrid, and won the L'Equipe race in Paris last week. In the absence of Jane Shields (nee Furniss), last year's runaway champion, who is road racing in the United States, Sarah Rowell and Carol Haig, who recovered sufficiently from an injury to win the Northern title two weeks ago, will be the most prominent contenders for a place in the first six.

The race, however, should be another showcase for Miss Budd's talents, although if Arrowe Park freezes over during the night after the partial thaw, the rutted icy conditions could have the long, slender-legged youngster sliding around like a drunken ostrich. She is unlikely to win by anything near the 1min 24sec which distanced her from the Southern counties field two weeks ago; but only the conditions can prevent another walkover for Miss Budd.

Tilli indoor challenge

Genoa (Reuter) – Stefano Tilli, of Italy, takes on the British pair, Linford Christie and Earl Tulloch, in a sprint race which promises to be the highlight of today's indoor triangular match between Italy, Britain and Yugoslavia.

Tilli, emerging from the shadow of the 200 metres world record holder Pietro Mennea who retired last December, joins his up-and-coming compatriot Carlo Simionato over the distance. But Tilli will have to recapture his best form to win.

Simionato was one of the few successes of Italy's indoor match with the Soviet Union in Turin two weeks ago, winning the 200 metres in 20.75sec and pipping Tilli to the line by 0.09sec.

The 60 metres men's race will match Pier Francesco Pavoni, who won the event at Turin in 6.74sec, against Lincoln Asquith, whose best *time over the distance is 6.66sec.*

Asquith helped Britain to victory over West Germany at an indoor meeting at Cosford last Saturday, winning the 60 metres in 6.70sec.

RACING: A LOOK AT THE LEADING FIRST-SEASON SIRES



Groomed for a new role: Teenoso receives a pat of encouragement from Geoff Wragg, his former trainer

Chief Singer holds the stage

Considering the considerable fiscal advantages Irish breeders and stud owners enjoy compared with their English counterparts, the quality of the list of stallions standing at stud for the first time in this country this year is heartening.

My list of the top 10 ranges from sheer speed shown by Precocious and Petong to out-and-out stamina that made Little Wolf so formidable in the Cup races. Sandwiched between the extremes we find a blend of speed and stamina represted by Adonijah, Chief Singer, Dunbeath, Legend of France, Teenoso, and Tolomeo.

The nine I have just mentioned are all newcomers to the ranks of stallions. PHARLY, *the tenth name on my list*, is not strictly a first season sire because he has been standing in France since 1978 and so has four crops already racing.

Shot in the arm

However, following a deal towards the end of last year, Pharly is now the resident stallion on Lord Howard de Walden's *Plantation Stud near Newmarket, so he is* new to this country. The pressure of such a classy, well-bred horse, – he is a grandson of Northern Dance – is unquestionably a shot in the arm for English breeding.

No one, however, should be looking forward more to the new breeding season, which began officially yesterday, than the Marquess of Hartington. This year his Sidehill Stud on the eastern edge of Newmarket Heath, is standing not one, but two new stallions, Chief Singer and Dunbeath.

Those lucky enough to witness the performances of CHIEF SINGER at Royal Ascot, Newmarket and Goodwood last year when he won the St James's Palace Stakes, the July Cup and the Sussex Stakes, will have appreciated his qualities as a racehorse. Whether a horse who is regarded as something of a freak will also succeed as a stallion is one of the imponderables that makes the uncertain world os bloodstock so fascinating.

It must be a source of encouragement, though last season's crack French two-year-old filly, Seven Springs, is another prominent member of Chief Singer's femal family. Breeders like to use families that are in the ascendancy.

Like Chief Singer, DUNBEATH also comes from a female family which has been in the news. By Grey Dawn the only horse to have beaten the legendary Sea Bird II he is out of Priceless Fame, who established a new record for a mare sold at public auction when she changed hands for $6 million in the United States last autumn.

Apart from Dunbeath the reasons for that astronomical price are plentiful. A full sister to the Kentucky Derby winner, El Forbes, Priceless Fame was also the dam of last season's crack American two-year-old, Saratoga Six. Added to which she was also in foal to the Triple Crown winner and instant stud success, Seattle Slew.

As for Dunbeath, he did enough as a two-year-old in England in winning the William Hill Futurity and the Royal Lodge Stakes to convince me that he has been priced reasonably in these heady days at £4,000 down, with a further payment of £4,000 on the birth of a live foal.

At one stage Dunbeath was the ante-post favourite for the 1983 Derby. When it was clear that either he had not trained on from two to three or he did not stay far enough or both, the way became clear for TEENOSO to steal the limelight at Epsom. But besides winning the Blue Riband of English racing, Teenoso also did something that no Derby winner since Royal Palace has achieved when he won the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot the following year as a four-year-old.

Those performances, coupled with that brave victory in the Grand Prix de Saint Cloud, earmarked Teenoso as a suitable replacement at the Highclere Stud for the late and much lamented Troy, whose premature death two years ago was such a blow. Furthermore, Teenoso's four-year-old career was emphatic vindication of the assertion of Geoff Wragg, his trainer that *he had plenty of speed and was not simply* a soft ground stayer as had been suggested the previous year.

With the Highclere Stud full and committed Lord Porchester had to look else where for a suitable home for his top-class stayer LITTLE WOLF. After the death of Relko the necessary room became available on Joan Forbes's Burley Lodge Stud. By Grundy, who is sadly now in Japan, Little Wold is out of a half sister to Queen's Hussar, the sire of Brigadier Gerard.

Apart from both being fast there is another link between Precocious and Petong. Precocious is by Mother's Pet, the stallion who has held court with such fine results on the Barleythorpe Stud: Petong is the newest edition to the ranks of stallions on that successful stud.

PRECOCIOUS was a brilliant juvenile until his racing career was cut short when he chipped a bone in his knee. Not *surprisingly he soon got a full book of* mares and by all accounts there is already a waiting list for next year.

Those splendid performances in the Wokingham Stakes, the Stewards Cup and the Vernons Sprint Cup last season pointed to PETONG being an ideal commercial sprint stallion, standing at only £3.000 no foal, no fee.

Adonijah and Legend Of France, former stable companions in Henry Cecil's yard are now to be found on the Someries and Derisley Wood Studs, respectively. A son of Highline, ADONIJAH was unusually fast. It should not be lost on breeders that

Australia-bound

his elder half brother, that good sprinter Absolom, is already doing well as a stallion LEGEND OF FRANCE is a classy looking son of that influential stallion, Lyphard.

Anyone wanting to use TOLOMEO, another from the same sire line, had better look sharp, though, because he is spending only one season on our National Stud before leaving these shores to take up stud duties in Australia. The conqueror of legendary Noth American racehorse, John Henry, in the 1983 Budweiser Million, Tolomeo is by Lyphard's son. Lypheor, who is also the sire of Royal Heroine, the winner of more than $1 million in stake money in the United States last year. I always regarded Tolomeo as a particularly fine looking racehorse and and excellent mover.

Michael Phillips

BOXING

McGuigan camp flies in Hayes and Laporte film

Gerald Hayes, of the United States, who has first-hand knowledge of Juan Laporte, having beaten the Puerto Rican, former world champion, arrived in Belfast tomorrow to help Barry McGuigan put the finishing touches to his preparation for his bout with Laporte, at the King's Hall next Saturday (Srikumar Sen writes).

Hayes, who was well beaten by Bernard Taylor, another American, in Atlantic City on Thursday, has a damaged mouth, but says he will be bringing over a film of his contest with Laporte and go through the set pieces with McGuigan.

Hayes could prove to be an invaluable sparring partner for the Irishman, for should Taylor beat *Eusebio Pedroza, the World Boxing* Association champion on June 30, Hayes will be able to tell McGuigan all about the new champion.

Chris Reid, an Irish American cruiserweight, who knocked out Miguel Rosa at Atlantic City, will be boxing on the McGuigan-Laporte bill.

Canadian faces legal action

Amsterdam, (Agencies) – A Dutch boxing promoter said yesterday that he had started legal action alleging fraud against Jerry Reddick, of Canada, who was knocked out in the second round by the Dutch light-heavyweight, Alex Blanchard, in a World Athletics Association (WAA) title bout on Monday.

Henk Ruhling, the promoter and manager of Blanchard, said the public prosecutor was studying the case. Ruhling alleged that Reddick had misinformed him about his weight and health.

Reddick, a middleweight, said he was in no shape to put up a serious fight, but he did not lose deliberately. He had put a rock in his shorts at the weigh-in to reach the light-heavyweight range. He claimed he "came over here for the payday" and to see Europe.

Curry moves up

Don Curry, the World Boxing Association champion, steps up a weigh on March 30 in Atlantic City when he meets a fellow-American, James "Hard Rock" Green, over 10 rounds in a light-middleweight contest.

SNOOKER

Hearn attacks decision over cut in frames

Barry Hearn, manager of Steve Davis, the world snooker champion, yesterday criticized the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association for bowing to pressure from ITV to cut the length of matches in the Dulux British open championships from the best of 11 frames to the best of nine.

Hearn, a *WPBSA board member*, said: "This was a case of TV exercising authority over our game, something they are not entitled to do and must never be allowed to do again. If there was a problem, then it was their domestic problem. The game itself should not have been dragged in. Mind you, I blame the board, too. If they had played a better game of poker they would have won."

The reduction in length applies to matches from the second round onwards. ITV were concerned over hefty overtime payments if night matches overran and had also requested that afternoon start times be put back from 1 pm to 2 pm as union agreements within the network involved higher costs if the lighting rig is switched on before 2 pm.

Davis meets John Virgo in the final stages at the Assembly Rooms, Derby, tomorrow night, having qualified by beating Tony Chappel 6-5. He said: "I feel sorry for Tony. If it had been best of nine in the first round I would have been out when I went 5-4 down. They should not have changed the format."

Tony Knowles, runner-up to Davis in the recent Tolly Cobbold English championship, plays tomorrow night. The first match of the afternoon will be between two unseeded players, Malcolm Bradley and Danny Fowler. On the adjoining table, Terry Griffiths faces another unseeded player, Steve Newbury.

The hooligans who are destroying the language

SIDELINES
Gordon Allan

Going home in the train at midnight from Victoria I fell to thinking about football fans. It was an appropriate place to think about them because it is in trains that the worst of the fans get up to their most malevolent mischief.

Be not afraid. I am not going to mount a moral high horse. It would certainly unseat me. As a wordsmith of sorts I am more interested in the usual descriptions of these fans – "mindless louts", "yobbos", "hooligans", "drunken idiots", "scum", "wild animals", "morons", "cowards", and "madmen". I want to suggest that one or two of these terms go a little over the top, even about fans at their worst.

"Hooligans" is all right. The Oxford dictionary defines a hooligan as "one of a gang of young street roughs". My dictionary is not modern enough to contain "yobbo", but I imagine that "yobbos" and "hooligans" are offspring of the same parents.

"Cowards" is permissible, too, though with reservations. But "scum" and "wild animals" are not. Human beings are not scum, whatever your opinion in the heat of the moment, and the wildness of animals, unlike the behaviour of some fans, is natural and practical.

As for "mindless louts", which is the most frequent description of all, it may come as a surprise to those who use it – as it did to me – to find that "lout" means "awkward fellow, bumpkin, clown" – in short a harmless person, which a fan on the rampage is not. Attaching "mindless" to the noun is mere snobbery. (Incidentally, I remember "mindless" once being excised from a caption on these pages because the photograph was so clear that the fans could have identified themselves, and it was suggested that the world might have been defamatory.)

Please do not rush into indignant correspondence telling me about your terrible experiences of football hooligans, asking me if I have ever suffered at their hands, and accusing me of defending them. I admit I have had no experiences of that kind, and I am not defending football hooligans.

What I am trying to defend is the language. I am making a simple plea to cut out the Billingsh exuperation, call them hooligans, and leave it at that.

SKIING

Buergler steals the show from favourites

Krajnska Gora, Yugoslavia (Reuter) – Thomas Buergler, of Switzerland, won the men's World Cup giant slalom yesterday, stealing the show from the two favourites, Pirmin Zurbriggen, also of Switzerland, and Marc Girardellis, of Luxembourg.

Buergler weaved down the steep piste, which dropped 340 metres and through the 46-gates, in a combined time of 2min 10.21sec. Zurbriggen was second in 2min 10.22sec and Girardelli third in 2min 10.42sec.

Markus Wasmaier, of West Germany, the surprise winner of the giant slalom gold medal at the world championship in Bormio, missed a gate and was disqualified in the first leg. Ingemar Stenmark, of Sweden, produced an impressive second leg to clock a combined time of 2min 10.45sec and move from seventh place after the first leg to fourth overall.

Zurbriggen, battling with Girardellis to retain his overall World Cup title, yesterday gained some of the points he lost when out of action for several races after a knee operation.

Yesterday's race replaced one *scheduled for Todtnau*, West Germany, on January 23 which was put off because of the lack of snow.

RESULTS: 1, T Buergler (Switz), 2min 10.21sec; 2, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 2:10.22; 3, M Girardelli (Lux), 2:10.42; 4, I Stenmark (Swe), 2:10.45; 5, R Petrovic (Yug), 2:10.47; 6,R Erlacher (It), 2:10.89; 7, B Krizaj (Jug), 2:11.10; 8, R Pramotton (It), 2:11.48; 9, J Franko (Yug), 2:11.69; 10, J Sunqvist (Swe), 2:11.78.

OVERALL: 1, Girardelli, 115pts; 2, Zurbriggen, 88; 3, Buergler, 83; 4, Hangl (Switz), 69; 5, H Enn (Austria), 61; 6, R Pramotton (It), 57; 7, Erlacher, 56; =8, Franko and M Julen (Switz), 43; 10, Wasmaier (W G), 40.

WORLD CUP: 1, Girardelli, 215pts; 2, Zurbriggen, 207; 3, Wenzel (Liech), 172; 4, F Heinzer (Switz), 132; 5, P Mosser (Switz), 128; 6, Buergler 123; 7, H Hoellehner (Austria), 113; 8, Winsberger (Austria), 111; 9, Stenmark, 103; 10, Krizaj, 99.

Luescher injured

Berne (Reuter) – Peter Luescher, the former World Cup ski champion, will be out of action for the rest of the season after a five-hour operation following a fall in *Thursday's downhill in* Bad Kleinkirchheim, Austria. It was not known whether his future skiing career was in jeopardy. Luescher's injuries included a broken skinbone, and damage to ligaments and meniscus of his right knee.

● Berne (Reuter) – Heavy snowfall forced the cancellation of yesterday's World Cup 70-metre ski jump in Gstaad.

Baloa to beat off British raiders

Four British visitors turn out in the £4,021 Prix de Bastia over a mile and a half at Cagnes-sur-Mer tomorrow, but none of them looks capable of handling the six-year-old, Baloa. This mare had useful form last season, twice finishing a close fifth in hotly-contested handicaps at Saint-Cloud.

She was transferred to the Chantilly stable of John fellows during the winter and reappeared to the Chantilly stable of John fellows during the winter and reappeared in a 10 furlong handicap at Cagnes last Sunday, running on strongly to be fourth of 18 to Prince Jeff. She will be ridden by Claude Ramonet, who also had the mount last week, and will be much better suited by the extra quarter-mile.

Norfold Serenade, the mount of John Mauthias, and Relkisha, ridden by one of France's leading lady riders, Ghislaine Lecomte, were both beaten a long way in a ladies' race, in which the Italian five-year-old, Star Pawerful, was third. Sharp Snap, ridden by Guy Guignard for Willie Hastings-Bass, finished out of the first seven at long odds on his reappearance eight days ago. He looks more likely to improve than either Hayashi (Richard Hills), who has not run since June 8, or the other two British candidates, but he is still only an each-way hope.

Kiss Love can give Guignard a good start to the day by beating the former John Benstead-trained Godsend in the Prix de Bacelonnette Capitainerie (Jean-Pierre Roman) is 11lb better off with Live With Me for a half-length defeat last Friday and should turn the tables in the Prix des Peupliers over the same mile. Top-weighted L'Insouciant should also go close.

Hot Buck (Philippe Angot), who made a bold attempt to lead throughout before finishing fourth to Live With Me, beaten only one and a half lengths, last week, should take the other mile handicap, the Prix des Bouleaux.

Killyglen (Matthias) did best of the five British hopes in the £4,468 Prix Joseph Collignon yesterday, finishing third to Royal Candle. He was beaten half a length and one length after showing up well throughout. Every Effort, who stated favourite, Hobourne's Rose, Secretary's Office and Heart Of Stone all finished out of the first seven in a field of 14.

PRIX DE BASTIA (£4,021: 1m 4f) (16 runners)

3213-02	SARAH KAY (F Blanchetti) D Geraux 5-8-2	B Benoit
000110-	BELVENUTO (Frau H Both) W Schultz, Germany 4-9-2	P Kallai
02233-3	STAR PAWERFUL (F Blanchetti) F Blanchetti, Italy 5-8-13	J Massard
000201-	TARSUS (Stall Berbuck) W Schultz, Germany 5-8-13	M Pepoin
11132-0	BEAUTIFUL LADY (O Alexander) O Alexander 6-8-12	J-L Lefort
0/4320-0	GALLIANUS (J-P Baldin) P Villermet 8-8-9	R Pois
	GRANTLEIGH (M Graff) Arthur Batas 6-8-9	J-P-A Godard
002-0	SHARP SNAP (R Greenwood) W Hastings-Bass 4-8-9	G Guignard
0/002-00	MARSOIN (Mme y Le Provost) J Dubois 5-8-6	M Jaumon
003/000-	HAYASHI (A Lyons) C Booth 4-8-6	R Hills
/00000-0	NORFOLK SERENADE (P Innes) J Bethell 5-8-6	J Matthies
30200-0	RELKISHA (J Pegley) D Wintle 4-8-6	Mme G Lecomte
00400-4	BALOA (J-M Valerio) J Fellows 6-8-6	C Ramonet
4/00300-	SLEDGE (J Wigan) C Milbank 4-8-6	A Junk
60/0000-	SOKARIS (C Bartolemi) A Rossio 7-8-9	L Pascousu
23031-0	SOPHIE POUR TOUS (A Gandolfi) A Gandolfi 4-8-6	P Blossier

5-2 Baloa, 7-2 Tarsus, 7 Bersoin, 10 Sokaris, Belvenuto, 12 Grantleigh, 14 Sophie Pour Tous.



Dever latest to hire agent

Peter Dever, stable jockey to John Thorne, is the latest jockey to appoint a booking agent. Keith Hewitt, who has been a race reader for the form book for six years is doing the spade work to get Dever more rides.

Dever, aged 23, the son of Frank Dever, the trainer, has the talent and ambition to go to the top. Well situated at Evesham to cover the country, he has ridden for trainers as far apart a Peter Easterby in Yorkshire and John Hill in Devon.

Frost rules out Leopardstown

Racing faces another blank weekend following the postponement yesterday of Leopardstown because of frost. It is hoped to rearrange the programme, which featured the significant Cheltenham trial, the Wessel Cable Champion Hurdle, but no new date has so far been fixed.

Nottingham, with snow on the course and frost underneath, was called off yesterday morning to become the 71st meeting lost this National Hunt season.

Fontwell Park and Wolverhampton meetings scheduled for Monday also look certain casualties. There was five degrees of frost at the Sussex track last night and the clerk of the course, Derek Hubbard, said that an inspection will probably be tomorrow morning. Wolverhampton inspect at noon today. There are six-foot snow drifts at the midlands track.

Monday's Irish meeting at Down Royal has been abandoned.

There will also be inspections tomorrow at Tuesday's two scheduled venues, Huntingdon (12.00 noon) and Sedgefield (3.00 pm).

Point-to-points hit again

None of the five scheduled point-to-point fixtures for today have survived the frost and snow (Brian Beel writes). Two, the United Services and the Essex Farmers, have been abandoned. No decision will be taken about applying for a new date for the Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire Hunt, but the other meetings hope to race next week.

There is no snow at Ottery St Mary where the Mid-Devon Hunt have postponed until Wednesday and with the daytime temperature forecast to be above freezing there is some optimism. The Finnington have a full week in which the weather can relent as their meeting has been postponed until next Saturday.

● Audi are to sponsor two unique hunter chases during March, which are to be confined to the progeny of the National Light Horse Breeding Society's (H.I.S.) premium stallion scheme. The first race at Doncaster on Saturday, March 9, is to be known as the Hayselden Audi H.I.S. Hunter Chase, and the second at Towchester on March 21 will be titled the Baldwin and Phillipps Audi H.I.S. Hunter Chase.

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Law Report

February 16 1985

Appealing master's order for costs

Hall and Others v Wandsworth Health Authority

Before Mr Justice Tudor Price

[Judgment delivered February 12]

There was an unfettered right of appeal to a judge in chambers from the decision of a master as to costs *only without leave of the master.*

Where personal injury litigation was contemplated and proceedings had been commenced by originating summons under section 33 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 for an order for the production of hospital records and the like, there was jurisdiction to award costs against the defendant where the facts of the particular case warranted such an order.

Mr Justice Tudor Price so held in the Queen's Bench Division, giving judgment in open court after a hearing in chambers, allowing the appeal of Patricia Hall from the decision of Master Creightmore on November 5, 1984, not to make any order as to costs and refusing leave to appeal, but dismissing the appeals of Patrick Vella and Khoria Mary Stewart.

Mr Peter Latham for the plaintiffs; Mr Robert Francis for the defendant health authority.

MR JUSTICE TUDOR PRICE said that the solicitors acting for the three plaintiffs had written letters before action requesting the disclosure of hospital *notes* as each was contemplating proceedings for damages by reason of the defendants' negligence.

His Lordship said that although it might surprise some experienced practitioners, the 1981 Act, which replaced section 31(1)(h) of the Supreme Court of Judicature (*Consolidation*) Act 1925 which formerly restricted appeals from a master to a judge on costs only, provided a right to appeal.

Section 18(1)(f) of the 1981 Act clearly did not place a restriction on appeals to the judge in chambers from a master's decision; thus, the *note to Order 58 of the Rules of the* Supreme Court, at p795, stating that the master's leave was required was mistaken.

The 1981 Act and the relevant Rules of the Supreme Court comprised a complete code for requiring production of documents *from probable defendants and other* parties: the procedure under section 33(2) was independent of and irrespective of whether or not other proceedings followed.

Normally, the defendant's costs were paid by the plaintiff (see Order 62, rule 3 (12)), since it was fair and right that the party put to expense and who might never be sued should be reimbursed; moreover, the defendant could proceed directly to taxation of his costs and require the plaintiff to pay them.

In a few cases the defendant's conduct would justify the court's order that he should pay his own costs; but there was nothing, especially in the words of the rule "unless the court otherwise directs", to prevent the court on rare occasions ordering the defendant to bear the plaintiff's costs: see further the whole of Order 62, rule 3.

The lack of certainty or even a high probability that a claim would be made against the person ordered to produce made it inappropriate to order costs in cause; that would cause no injustice in practice.

When the defendant did not receive his costs or, exceptionally, was ordered to pay the plaintiff's costs it would be because of his misconduct in the disclosure proceedings.

The plaintiff, if he eventually succeeded in a claim, whether against the defendant in the *originating summons* or another defendant, might well be able to recover his costs incurred before the proceedings commenced, in taxation of the successful action: see *In re Gibson's Settlement Trusts* ([1981] Ch 179, 187C).

Because of the nature of personal *injury and medical negligence cases,* delay should be avoided: in the present cases the health authority was dilatory and the master was right to deny the defendants their costs; if there had been a prompt answer to the plaintiffs' solicitors and a promise of discovery at an *early stage. there would be no* need to issue section 33 proceedings.

In the case of Mrs Hall there was no reasonable excuse for failure to disclose to the solicitors before the master's hearing, and the failure to disclose after those proceedings showed that the defendants were not *approaching the matter with the* urgency such litigation demanded.

Solicitors: Fisher Meredith & Partners, South Lambeth; Capstick Hamer & Co, South Kensington.

Power of court to examine university rules

Thomas v Bradford University

Mr Justice Whitford refused in the Chancery Division on February 5 to hold that all questions of construction of the university's statutes, ordinances and regulations were a matter for the exclusive jurisdiction of the visitor, and he refused to stay proceedings brought by the plaintiff for a declaration that a *decision taken by the university* council to dismiss the plaintiff from her employment as lecturer in sociology, and her subsequent dismissal were *ultra vires,* null and void.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the rules, which the plaintiff claimed had not been observed, were in straightforward terms, and set out the procedure to be followed. No question which could sensibly be described as purely domestic was going to arise. If questions as to "good cause" had arisen, it would have been a different matter.

The dispute did not concern academic suitability, academic awards, the awarding of degrees, the calling of meetings, admission to courses, or any other matter which was properly within the exclusive province of the visitor alone.

The questions of construction of the rules were questions which were eminently suitable for consideration in the courts.

In *Portico Housing Association Ltd v Brian Moorehead and Partners (The Times February 5)* Addleshaw Sons & Latham, Manchester, ask us to point out that they were not acting for Portico when the writ in the action was renewed.

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BIRTHS

ATHERTON. - On February 7th to Ann (nee Mason) and Rupert, a son, David George.

BALME on February 14th at Whips Cross Hospital to Sue and Steve, a son, "Fluffy".

HAYWARD - On St Valentine's Day, 1985, *to Jennifer and John* - a daughter Penny Catherine, a sister for Jacqueline, Susan and Nicola.

HINER - 25th January 1985. In Oxford. To Sarah (née Conybeare-Cross) wife of Martin, a son, Benjamin James.

JENKINS. - On February 7th to Jenny (nee Hillier) and Nicholas, a daughter, Alys Alicia Primrose.

LARIGNS - On February 11th to Miranda and Nicholas, a son, Harry Oliver.

LIGHTFOOT On 13th February 1985 at Redhill Hospital to Edwina and Peter, a son, Harry George.

MANNING-DAVIES. - On 12th February 1985 to Judy and Kingsley, a son, Henry Brinklow Mills, brother for Beatrice.

NEALE on February 7th at Victoria Maternity, Barnet to Sharie and Donald, a daughter Lucy Elizabeth Kate.

PHILLIPS. - On February 6th to Sarah (nee Moloney) and Roger, a son, Benedict James.

REDSHAW. - On 14th February to Shaun and Peter, a daughter, Helen, a sister for Jonathan and Clare.

SAINTY. To Guy and Cynthia on Tuesday, February 5th, a son: Charles Henry Alastair.

SULIVAN. - On February 7th to Jane (nee Ellwood) and Tim, - a son (Edward James).

BIRTHDAYS

B. ST. JOHN. Have a wonderful 19th. Love, as ever, Solm.

MARGARET ASHBRIDGE Greenacre - Hello Mum! Happy Birthday for 17th. Love Linda & John.

SILVER WEDDING

KELSEY : REED. On February 16th 1960 at St Peter's Church, Chelmsford, Julian to Judith.

GOLDEN WEDDING

RAW : MANGNALL on February 16th 1935, at Swinton parish church, Kenneth to Molly, now at 44 Castle Bank, Stafford.

DEATHS

BARRY (Crosshaven), County Cork. - On February 14th 1985, at her residence, Normandy, Weavers Point, Crosshaven and formerly of Ilford, Essex. Sheila (née Mullane), beloved wife of Doctor Reginald Barry. Deeply mourned by her loving husband, son, daughters, sisters, relatives and friends. R.I.P.

BRETON, on February 13th 1985 at Kings College Hospital, Paul, beloved husband of Margaret, and father of Alexander and Olga, funeral service at South London Crematorium on Wednesday 20th February at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the *Liver Research Unit* Trust, Kings College Hospital, London SE5.

CARNWATH - Catriona aged 6, adored daughter of Francis and Penelope and sister of Flora and Alexander. Suddenly, after a merry life. Funeral *family only.* Donations if wished to Oxford Neuro Surgical Research Trust, c/o Department of Neuro Surgery, The Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

***DONOVAN.** On February 13th 1985.* William Timothy, aged 81 years, died at Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood.

FIRTH MAVIS JEAN - On 12th February 1985 after a long illness borne courageously. Dearly loved wife of Group Captain J. V. Firth MA RAF (Ret'd). Funeral service at Fixby Crematorium Huddersfield on Monday 18th February at 2.00 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to cancer research.

FREEMAN. - On February 14th 1985, peacefully at a Hove nursing home. Major Henry George (Bill) Freeman, F.I. MECH.E. R.A. (Retired). Dearly loved husband of May, service at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Thursday February 21st at 12.30pm. No flowers by request, but donations if desired to Age Concern, 101A Western Road, Hove, East Sussex.

HALL - at Peel Hospital, Galashiels, on 13th February, 1985, Mona Islay, Hawthorn Lodge, Galashiels, daughter of the late Lt Gen Sir Noel Mason-MacFarlane, wife of the late John B. Hall, adored mother of Jock, Islay, Mike and Richard, granny of Jonathan, Susannah, Peter and Jamie. Cremation at Mortonhall Crematorium, Edinburgh on Monday, 18th February at 11.30 am to which all friends are invited. Donations to S.S.P.C.A.

HOOLEY - On February 13th, 1985 peacefully in hospital, aged 82 years, Major General St John Cutler Hooley CB, CBE. Loved husband of Molly, loving father and grandfather. Cut flowers and all enquiries please to F. A. Holland and Son, Terminus Road, Littlehampton, Sussex. Tel: Littlehampton 713939.

JEFFERY, RICHARD LOUIS. C.Eng, M.I., Mar.E. On February 13th at Canterbury after a long illness borne with dignity and courage. Funeral service Christchurch, William Street, Herne Bay, Kent, Thursday, 21st February at 2 pm. All friends welcome. No flowers by request but grateful for donations to Professor McElwain's Research Fund, Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton.

LAWS - on 12th February, very peacefully at Newcote Home, Bristol, Arthur Thurlow Laws, aged 83 years. Husband of Fiona (nee Murphy) of Lowood, Wrington, nr Bristol. Funeral *private,* memorial service at All Saints Church, Wrington, 2.30 pm, Saturday, 23rd February.

LEVY, FRITZ, on 13th February, 1985, suddenly at home. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium, Sunday 17th at 11am.

MANSFIELD on February 14th peacefully at Ocho Rios, Jamaica, Dorothea, Countess of Mansfield, widow of Mungo, 7th Earl of Mansfield, in her 79th year. Private family funeral. Memorial Service to be announced later.

MARTIN, Bernard Harold Stewart. - On 14th February peacefully at his home, The Long Wood, Riffhams Chase, Little Baddow. Dearly loved husband of Mary and father of Ann, John, Peter and David, also his twelve loving grandchildren. Funeral service at Little Baddow on Friday, 22nd February at 11.30am, followed by private cremation. By request, family flowers only.

MORRIS. - Freda, beloved wife of Max, in Princess Grace Hospital, London, without conscious pain, on Wednesday 13th February 1985. Cremated on Friday 15th February 1985. She will be terribly missed. No flowers please.

MOULTON. - Suddenly at Crosshouse Hospital by Kilmarnock on 14th February 1985, Phil of Ardrossan, beloved husband of the late Ruth Boughey and dearly loved father of *Phyllis and Aileen. Funeral service* at Greenock Crematorium on Monday 18th inst. at 11.30am. Friends wishing to attend please meet cortege at Crematorium.

POWELL - On February 13th. Suddenly, (Copper) Radclyffe Edward Crichton Powell, beloved husband of Julie, much loved father of Tessa and grandfather to Oliver, Kate and Alexander. Family funeral only. *Thanksgiving service for all Copper's friends to be announced later.*

PRICE - On February 10th 1985, at home in Oxford, Jonathan Hugh, husband of Joyce Lowrie, father of Tim and son of Mrs Olga Price and the late Rev Hugh Price.

PYPER, Anne (née Scott) aged 36 of Marlow and recently Haverfordwest, after a short illness on 14th Feb., wife of Jonathan and mother of Samantha and Iain. Cremation at Chilterns Crematorium Amersham, Wednesday 20th Feb, 2pm. No flowers by request. Donations to Westminster Hospital Linear Accelerator Appeal.

RICHARDS - Frances, artist, widow of Ceri Richards, mother of Rachel and Rhiannon, born Burslem 1901, died February 14th 1985, after a short illness. Funeral Mortlake Crematorium, February 22nd, at 12 noon. Flowers to T. H. Sanders, 35, Barnes High Street, SW13.

***SCHONFIELD,** Edith on February 8th* widow of Daniel Schonfield, J.P., much loved mother of Victor and Vivienne.

SMITH, A. J. C. (Arthur) peacefully on 4th February 1985 at St Luke's Hospital, Malta G.C. at the age of 91. He was dearly loved by all his family, and will always be remembered.

WILCOCK - On February 13th Alan John contentedly after a long brave struggle. Much loved by his wife Judy and daughters Di and Sandy. He was admired and respected by many. Funeral service Wednesday Feb 20th at 11.45 a.m., at St. Mary's Church, Chesham, Bucks. Followed by cremation at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for Cancer Research, c/o Cooks Funeral Service, Chesham.

WILLIAMS. - On 14th February 1985, at Edinburgh, Marjorie Ailne Stewart, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Stewart Williams of Victoria B.C., Canada. Service at Mortonhall Cremation Pentland Chapel, Edinburgh on Tuesday 19th February at 2.15pm. Family flowers only. No letters please.

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HODSON a memorial service for the Right Reverend M. A. Hodson will be held in Hereford Cathedral at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 5th March.

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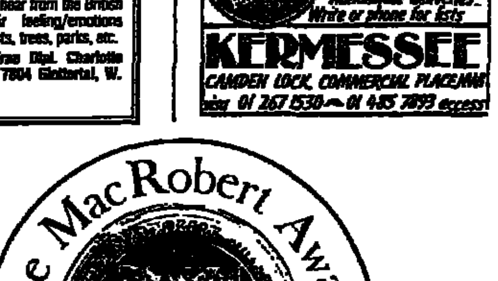
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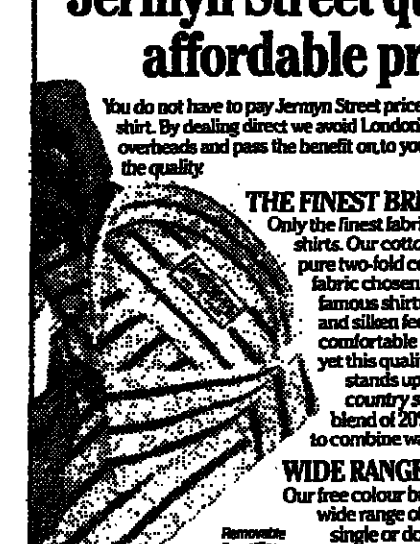
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SATURDAY

BBC 1 Wales: 8.30-9.00am Rugby Union: Try, try again. 5.15-5.20pm Sports News Wales. 12.30-12.35am News. Scotland: 12.15-5.05pm Grandstand. Including Rugby Union (France v Scotland). 5.15-5.20 Scoreboard. 10.00-10.30 Sportscene. 10.30-12.05am Film: "An American Werewolf in London" (1981). 12.05-12.10 Weather. Northern Ireland. 4.55-5.05pm Northern Ireland results (opt-out from "Grandstand"). 5.15-5.20 News. 12.30-12.35am News. England. 5.15-5.20pm London - Sport. South-West (Plymouth) - Spotlight Sport and News. *All other regions* - Sport and Regional News.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25-9.35am Cartoon. 11.20-12.15pm Fall Guy. 5.05-5.35 Diff'rent Strokes. 7.45 Price is Right. 8.45-9.45 T J Hooker. 11.50 Film. Last Detail (Jack Nicholson).

S4C Starts: 1.35pm Week in Politics. *2.20 Rygbi Rhyngwadol:* Cymru v Lloeg. 4.05 British at War. 6.00 Where in the World? 6.30 Avengers. 7.30 Newyddion. 7.45 Sion a Sian. 8.15 Wedi Wyth. 8.45 Bara caws a'r to Uwchben. 9.30 Y Maes Chwarae. 10.30 Supertroupers. 11.25 Film: 13 Rue Madeleine (James Cagney).

ANGLIA As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Cartoon. 11.20-12.15 Battlestar Galactica. 11.30 Jazz. 12.20am At the End of the Day, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Cartoon. 11.20-12.15 Chips. 5.05-5.35 Cartoon Alphabet. 7.45 Price is Right. 8.45-9.45 T. J. Hooker. 11.50 Curling.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Adventures of The Blue Knight. 11.20-12.15pm Chips. 5.05-5.35 Cartoon Alphabet. 7.45 Price is Right. 8.45-9.45 T J Hooker. *11.50 Shelley. 12.20am Closedown.*

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Cartoon. 11.20-12.15pm Battlestar Galactica. 7.45 Price is Right. 8.45-9.45 T. J. Hooker. 11.50 Curling. 12.35am Late Call, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Cartoon. 11.20-12.15pm Battlestar Galactica. 5.05-5.35 Cartoon Alphabet. 7.45 Price is Right. 8.45-9.45 T. J. Hooker. 11.50 The Master.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Cartoon. 11.20-12.15pm Tarzan. 5.05 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 5.10-5.35 Cartoon Alphabet. 7.45 Price is Right. 8.45-9.45 T. J. Hooker. 11.50 Live from London.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am Morning Glory. 9.30 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 9.55-10.00 Young Lookaround. 11.20 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. 11.50-12.15pm Batman. 5.05 News. 5.07-5.35 Cartoon Alphabet. 7.45 Price is Right. 8.45-9.45 T. J. Hooker. 11.50 Timeless Land. 12.50am Poet's Corner, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Cartoon. 11.20-12.15pm Freeze Frame. 5.05 Newsport. 5.10-5.35 Cartoon Alphabet. 7.45 Price is Right. 8.45-9.45 T. J. Hooker. 11.50 Live from London. 12.45am Postscript.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Cartoon. 11.20 Fireball XL5. 11.45-12.15pm Jacksons. 4.55-5.05 Ulster Sports Results. 5.05-5.35 Lakeland Games. 7.45 Price is Right. 8.45-9.45 T. J. Hooker. 11.45 Guess Who's Coming To Dinner. 12.10am News, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Speedy Gonzalez and Sylvester. 11.20 Green Hornet. 11.45-12.15 Birdman and Galaxy Trio. 11.50 Jazz. 12.20am Company, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Cartoon. 11.20-12.15 Chips. 7.45 Price is Right. 8.45-9.45 T. J. Hooker. 11.50 Curling. *12.35am Reflections, Closedown.*

HTV As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Cartoon. 11.20-12.15 Little House on the Prairie. 5.05-5.35 Cartoon Alphabet. 7.45 Price is Right. 8.45-9.45 T. J. Hooker. 11.50 Jazz. HTV Wales: No variation.

S4C Starts: 1.55 Living Body. 2.25 Gardener's Calendar. 2.50 Annapurna. 3.20 Film: Jolson Sings Again (Larry Parks). 5.00 Piglets and Cream. 5.30 Business Programme. 6.15 Basketball. 7.20 Newyddion Amaeth. 7.25 Newyddion. 7.30 Hafod Henri. 8.00 Rhaglen Hywel Gwynfryn. 8.40 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol. 9.10 Hill Street Blues. 10.10 As the Years Pass, As the Days Pass. 11.35 Shape of the World. 12.20am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 9.25am Gardening Time. 9.55-10.00 Border Diary. 11.30-12.00 Under Fives. 1.00pm-1.15 Cartoon. 12.15am Curling. 12.45 Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Watto, Wattoo. 9.30-10.00 Flying Kiwi. 11.30-12.00 Under Fives. 1.00pm-1.15 Here and Now. 12.15am Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Cartoon. *10.00 Encounter. 10.30-11.00 Glen* Michael cavalcade. 11.30-12.00 Sunday service. 1.00pm Scotsport. 2.00-2.30 Chapter and Verse. 12.15am Curling. 12.45 Late Call, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am-10.00 Link. 11.00 Under Fives. 11.30-12.00 Clegg's People. 1.00pm-1.15 Smurfs. 12.15am *Poor Billy Render. 12.45 Five Minutes,* Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: Starts 12.58pm Starting Point. 1.00 Gardens for All. 1.30-2.00 Getting On. 12.15am Closedown.

SUNDAY

BBC 1 Wales 1.55-2.25pm Weekend Rugby Union. 4.00-4.30 A Question of Sport. 6.40-7.15 Songs of Praise. 10.05-10.45 A View of the Rhondda. 10.45-11.25 Everyman. 11.25-12.00 Join International Darts. 12.00-12.25am Politics of Pressure. 12.25-12.30 News. Scotland. 9.10-9.35 France Actuelle. 9.35-10.00 Switch On To English. 10.30-11.20 Seven Days. 12.30-12.53 Landward. 4.00-4.30 Sporting Chance. 6.25-6.30 Appeal. 12.00-12.05am News. Northern Ireland. 4.00-4.30pm Make Mine Country. 12.00-12.05 News. England. 4.00-4.30pm East - Commuter Quiz. Midlands (Birmingham) - A38: An English Road. North (Leeds) - Goin' Places. North-East (Newcastle) - North Country. North-West (Manchester) - The Sweeney File. South (Southampton) - King's Country. South-West (Plymouth) - Antiques At Home. West (Bristol) - A38: An English Road.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25 Miniature Chess Masterpieces. 9.35-10.00 Window on the World. 11.00 Under Fives. 11.25 Asp Kas Hak. 11.30-12.00 This is Your Right. 1.00-1.15 Cartoon. 12.20am Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 9.30am-10.00 Perspective. 11.30-12.00 Under Fives. 1.00 Cartoon. 1.10 Weather. 12.15am Act of God, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am Morning Glory. 9.30-10.00 Link. 11.00 Under Fives. 11.25 Lookaround. 11.30-12.00 Batman. 1.00pm Farming Outlook. 1.30-2.00 Extra Time. 12.15am Mission England Choir, Closedown.

TSW As London except: Starts 9.30am-10.00 Link. 11.00 Under *Fives. 11.25 Look and See.* 11.30-12.00 Farming News. 1.00pm Gardens for All. 1.30-2.00 South West Week. 12.15am Postscript, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: Starts 11.00am Link. 11.30-12.00 Under Fives. 1.00pm-1.15 Farming Ulster. 12.15am Sports Results. 12.20 News, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25am Action Line. 9.35-10.00 Atom Ant. 11.30-12.00 Under Fives. 1.00pm-1.15 Agenda. 6.00-6.30 Bullseye. 6.35 News. 12.00 midnight Company, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am Cartoon. 9.30 Captain Scarlet. 10.00-11.00 Sesame Street. 11.30-12.00 Under Fives. 1.00pm-2.00 Scotsport. 12.15am Curling. 12.45 Reflections, Closedown.

HTV As London except: 9.25am Home Cookery Club. 9.30-10.00 At Home with the Spinners. 11.30-12.00 Under Fives. 1.00pm-1.15 Farming Wales. 12.15am Closedown.

HTV Wales As HTV West except: 9.30am-10.00 Encounter. 2.00pm-2.30 Celebration.

Saturday

Television and radio programmes
Summaries: Peter Dear, Peter Davalle

BBC 1

7.10 Open University. Until 8.25.
8.30 Roobarb, told by Richard Briers (r). 8.35 The Littlest Hobo (r). 9.00 Saturday SuperStore managed by Mike Read includes the final heat of the Search for a SuperStar competition; music from the Boomtown Rats; an interview with Phil Redmond, creator of *Grange Hill*; and John Craven talking to Anthony Huxley about the defore station of rain forests. 12.12 *Weather.*
12.15 Grandstand, introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is: 12.20 Football Focus with Bob Wilson; 12.50 News summary; 1.00 Ski-ing: the Men's Downhill; 1.25 Boxing: Ivor "The Engine" Jones v Billy Hardie; 2.00 Rugby Union: France v Scotland in Paris; 3.30 Cyclo Cross from Munich; 3.45 Half-times; 3.55 Cross Country from Birkenhead featuring Zola Budd. 4.45 Final score.
5.05 News with Jan Leeming. 5.15 *Sport/Regional news.*
5.20 Doctor Who. Part one of the three part adventure, The Two *Doctors.*
6.05 Jim'll Fix It. Among those for whom Jimmy Savile fixes it are a lady who wants to shear a sheep, a girl to be a lift operator, and a boy to play a Round With Alliss.
6.40 The Laughter Show. The first of a new series featuring the talented impressionists Les Dennis and Dustin Gee. Among their guests is Michael Barrymore.
7.15 One by One. Part seven of the 12-episode serial based on David Taylor's Zoo Vet books and the local village council express concern that Manford Park is to have wild animals roaming around, Lady Ann reassures them, although she herself harbours doubts about safety, especially after an animal fanatic, convinced that he can talk to lions, manages to enter the enclosure (Ceefax).
8.05 Dynasty. Fallon awaits the results of her brain scan as plans are made for Blake's birthday. Alexis, meanwhile, returns from Hong Kong confident that her plans to do the dirty on Denver-Carrington will succeed (Ceefax).
8.50 Bergerac. The Jersey detective has his hands full when Terri Fuller, armed with a hand gun, arrives on the island. Starring John Nettles (r) (Ceefax).
9.45 News and sport.
10.00 Film: An American Werewolf in London (1981) starring David Naughton, Jenny Agutter, Griffin Dunne and John Woodvine. A thriller, spiced with a little humour, about an America youth, the survivor of a werewolf attack on an English moor in which his companion was killed, who wakes up in a London hospital. During his recovery he is plagued with nightmares and is paid a visit by his dead friend, horribly mutilated, carrying bad news. Rick Baker won an Oscar for his work on the special make-up effects. Directed by John Landis (Ceefax).
11.35 Joni Mitchell in Concert. Highlights of the singer's last concert of her 1983 tour of Britain from Wembley.
12.30 Weather.

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Henry Kelly begins with a cartoon, News at 6.30, 7.00 and 8.00; Saturday View at 8.35 deals with contraception; sport at 7.10 and 7.50; cookery at 7.30. The guests include Leslie Kenton who talks about raw food diets, Liz Robertson with her husband Alan Jay Lerner, and Richard Clayderman.
8.30 The Wide Awake Club for children presented by Tommy Boyd, James Baker and Arabella Warner, who this morning, attends a fashion show with Just 17 magazine.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 LWT information. 9.30 *Cartoon Time.* 9.35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. Cartoon adventure series. 10.00 No 73. Entertainment for children. 11.20 Space 1999. Science fiction adventure series starring Martin Landau and Barbara Bain (r).
12.15 World of Sport introduced by Dickie Davies. The line-up is: 12.20 World Cup Ski-ing: the Men's Downhill; 12.35, 3.00 and 4.00 Pool: the Yugo Cars World Championship; 12.45 News; 12.50 Football Focus; 1.25 International Indoor Athletics: The Vitalis Invitational from Meadowbank; 1.40 Horseracing: the Australian Oaks; 1.45 Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics from Vienna; 2.00 Wrestling; 2.35 Table Tennis: Jacques Secretin v Vincent Purkart; 3.45 Half-times; 4.45 Results.
5.00 *News and sport.*
5.05 Blockbusters. General knowledge game for teenagers.
5.35 The A-Team. Two hard-bitten crooks are extorting money from small businessmen. The resourceful quartet decide to teach the roguish couple a sharp lesson.
6.30 The Fame Game. Talent show programme presented by Tim Brooke-Taylor with Stan Boardman.
7.15 All Star Secrets, presented by Michael Parkinson. What are Gyles Brandreth, Brian Johnston, Nanette Newman, Su Pollard and Tim Rice trying to hide? (Oracle).
7.45 T. J. Hooker. The Los Angeles policeman is on the trail of a killer who specialises in nurses – after he has sent them a bunch of flowers.
8.45 The Price is Right. Game show presented by Leslie Crowther.
9.45 News and sport.
10.00 Aspel and Company. Michael Aspel's guests are Karen Kay, Kelly Monteith and Frank Carson.
10.50 London news headlines followed by Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. The fourth in the comedy series about a group of north country brickies who go to Germany in search of work and excitement (Oracle).
11.50 Magnum. The private eye has to protect both of his eyes when he faces a macaw that is trained to attack humans.
12.45 Bizarre. Off beat humour provided by American comedian, John Byner.
1.10 New from London. In concert, DiAnno, a heavy metal group led by Paul DiAnno.
2.10 Night Thoughts.



Robert Morley as Charles James Fox in Carol Reed's film The *Young Mr Pitt* (Channel 4, 2.00 pm)

BBC 2

6.25 Open University. Until 3.10.
3.10 Film: Sylvia Scarlett* (1935) starring Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant. Romantic comedy about a young woman and her father who join forces in Victorian London with confidence trickster, Jimmy Monkley. When they impersonate a pierrot concert party and go on tour, the girl's shorn hair, cut to make her look like a boy, leads to romantic complications. Directed by George Cukor.
4.35 Film: Strategic Air Command (1955) starring James Stewart, June Allyson. Drama story about a newly married man who is called up by the Airforce Reserve to fly peacetime missions in B36 bomber aircraft. Directed by Anthony Mann.
6.25 The Sky at Night. Patrick Mooore talks to David Malin about the spectacular photographs taken by Malin with the assistance of the Anglo-Australian telescope in New South Wales (r).
6.45 News and sport.
7.00 France Actuelle. The first of five films dealing with modern France focusses on Grenoble, in the Alps (r).
7.25 Rugby Special. Highlights from the international played this afternoon – France against Scotland in Paris.
8.30 Born to Live. An award-winning film, made in Hong Kong, about the friendship that builds up between two deformed men, highlighting the problems each face from a world that will regard them as freaks. (English subtitles).
10.00 Blott on the Landscape. Episode two, and a worried Whitehall sends a trouble-shooter to Worford after the riots over a proposed motorway. Lady Maud tries friendship to bend the ear of the trouble-shooter, but Sir Giles decides to play dirty (r) (Ceefax).
10.55 The Big Yin. Comedian, Billy Connelly faces questions from 80 Scots teenagers.
11.35 Film: Dead of Night* (1945) starring Michael Redgrave and Googie Withers. A collection of eerie tales of murder, horror, comedy and the unknown. The film begins with an architect arriving at a house which is strangely familiar as are the five guests – each of whom has a different story to tell. Directed by Cavalcanti, Charles Crichton, Basil Dearden and Robert Hamer. Ends at 1.20.

CHANNEL 4

1.05 Everybody Here (r).
1.30 The Making of Britain. The sixth programme in Dr David Carpenter's series on life in Britain during the Middle Ages examines the developments in the status of peasants.
2.00 Film: The Young Mr Pitt* (1942) starring Robert Donat and John Mills. A biographical drama about the 18th century politician who, at the age of 24, became Britain's youngest prime minister. Directed by Carol Reed.
4.00 O'Malley. A pilot episode for an intended private eye series starring Mickey Rooney as a veteran detective who decides to leave California to return to New York where he was once a policeman.
4.45 Risky Business. A cartoon about health and safety at work.
5.05 Brookside (r).
6.00 The Other Side of the Tracks. Paul Gambaccini talks to veteran record producer John Hammond. Plus a profile of a new group, The Roaring Boys.
7.00 News.
7.05 7 Days. Sir Patrick Nairne, a former senior civil servant propounds a radical view on how to alter the Official Secrets Act; and Professor Keith Ward of Kings College, London, discusses the Synod debate on Church of England orthodoxy.
7.30 Home: Journeys to Britain. A documentary about seven different people who have made their home in Britain and about how they felt during their first few days of British citizenship. Among them are writer Chaim Bermant who arrived from Poland in 1938, Russian dissident Igor Pomorantsev and Ruby, an Indian woman who came to England for an arranged marriage.
8.30 As the Years Pass, as the Days Pass. Part five of the drama serial about two middle-class Cracow families.
9.45 My World and Welcome To It. A comedy, combining film and animation, based on the cartoons and writings of humorist, James Thurber.
10.15 Hill Street Blues. Furillo becomes suspicious of an officer who was once under media scrutiny but is now a hero after rescuing a family from a blazing house.
11.15 The Ever-Popular Tortured Artist Effect. A profile of rock video maker, Todd Rundgren.
12.50 Closedown.

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Radio 4

As long wave † also VHF stereo.
5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Prelude.†
6.30 News; Farming Today. 6.50 Prayer. 6.55 Weather; Travel.
7.00 News. 7.10 Today's Papers. 7.15 On Your Farm. 7.45 In Perspective. 7.50 Down to Earth. 7.55 Weather; Travel.
8.00 News. 8.10 Today's Papers. 8.15 Sport on 4. 8.48 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Breakaway. Holiday, travel and leisure scene.
9.50 News Stand. Max Hastings's review of the weekly magazines.
10.05 The Week in Westminster. With Adam Raphael.
10.30 Pick of the Week. With Margaret Howard.†
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent.
12.00 News; Money Box. With Louise Botting.
12.27 Blandings. Short stories by P. G. Wodehouse. (3): "Pig-Hoo-oo-o-o-ey!" 12.55 Weather.
1.00 Any Questions? With Sir Clive Sinclair, Jonathan Porritt, Prof Richard Gregory and Jean Denton (r). 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News; The Afternoon Play. "The Pump" by James Cameron. With Michael Redgrave and Anna Cropper. The drama is based on Cameron's experience of a heart operation. This production was the 1973 winner of the coveted Prix Italia (r).
2.45 The Signalman: Emlyn Williams reads Dickens's ghost story (r).
3.00 News; A Lexicon of Laughter† with Richard Anthony Baker, Michael Redgrave (r).
3.30 Maharaj. Lives of the Indian princes in their own words (5).†
4.15 Winter at Deepdale. Phil Smith takes to the hills in the remote reaches of North Yorkshire.
4.45 A Sideways Look At . . . by Anthony Smith.
5.00 Wildlife. Listeners' postbag.†
5.25 Week Ending. Satirical review. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Travel.
6.00 News; incl Sports round-up.
6.25 Desert Island Discs. The castaway is Michael Elkins, former BBC correspondent in Jerusalem.
7.05 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson. Song by Jeremy Nicholas.
7.45 Baker's Dozen with Richard Baker.†
8.30 Saturday-Night Theatre. "The Serpent's Smile" by Neville Teller. With Steve Hodson and Susan Denaker. Drama, set in Israel. An inspector is on the trail of a bunch of international murderers and the most terrifying secret weapon imaginable.
10.00 News.
10.15 Evening Service.†
10.30 Soundings. Religious and moral matters. With the BBC's Religious Affairs Correspondent Rosemary Hartill; Bernard Jackson, Trevor Barnes and Ted Harrison.
11.00 Science Now. With Peter Evans.
11.30 In One Ear. Comedy from Steve Brown, Helen Lederer, Clive Mantle, Nick Wilton.
12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping. VHF (available in England and S Wales only) – Radio 4 vhf is as above, except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Programme News. 5.50-5.55 Programme News.

Radio 3

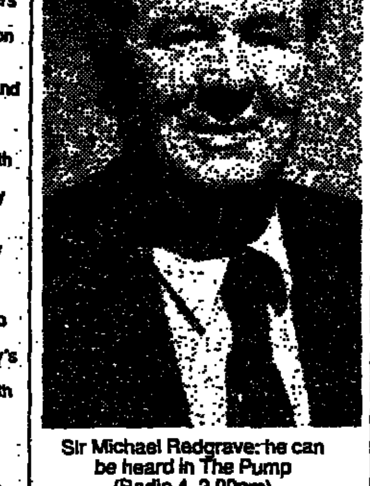
6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Aubade: Mozart's overture Der Schauspieldirektor; Beethoven's Variations on Ein Madchen oder Weibchen, Op 66; (Du Pre/Barenboim); Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante in E flat, K 297b; Weber's Eight Pieces Op 60 (piano duet by Fritz Neumeyer and Rolf Junghanns); Hindemith's Symphonic Metamorphosis of themes by Weber; Berio's Four folk songs (Berberian, soprano). 9.00 News.
9.05 Record Review: with Paul Vaughan. Includes a consumers' guide to recordings of Brahms's Clarinet Quintet. Also, David Murray talks about some new piano recording, and Alan Blyth comments on new records of songs.†
10.15 Stereo Release: Mussorgsky's Impromptu pasionne; On the southern shore of the Crimea: Gurzuf (Postnikova, piano); Ravel's Chansons madecasses; Bach's Partita No 6 in E minor, BWV 839 (Andras Schiff, pinao).
11.15 BBC SO (under Dennis Russell): With Peter Donohoe (piano). Haydn's Symphony No 91; and Bartok's Piano Concerto No 2.† Interval reading at 12.20. Then, at 12.25, Vaughn William's Symphony No 8.† 1.00 News.
1.05 Shura Cherkassky: piano recital. Bach's Chaconne in D minor (arranged by Busoni); Schumann's Etudes symphoniques Op 13.†
2.00 Verdi's operas: Otello. In four acts. Sung in Italian. Tullio Serafin conducts the Chorus and Orchestra of Rome Opera House. The cast is headed by Jon Vickers (Otello), Tito Gobbi (Iago), Leonie Rysanek (Desdemona) and Florindo Andreoli (Cassio). Internal talk by Julian Budden at 3.15. Acts 3 and 4 begin at 3.20.†
5.00 Jazz Record Requests: with Peter Clayton.
5.45 Critics' Forum: Richard Mayne (in chair), Peter Ackroyd, Bryan Robertson and Margaret Walters discuss, inter alia, the serialization on BBC2 of Blott on the Landscape: and the film Secret Honour.
6.35 Song recital. Ileana Cotrubas and Geoffrey Parsons. Part one. Songs by Schubert and Wolf.
7.10 Anyhow, How are Things? An anthology of poems dealing with friendship.
7.30 Song recital. Part two Works by Debussy and Britten.†
8.15 BBC, Welsh SO (under Mariss Jansons). With Howard Shelley (piano). Part one. Strauss's symphonic poem Till Eulenspiegel; and Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 2.† Interval reading at 9.10.
9.20 Concert. Part two. Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 5.†
10.15 Elgar: Medici String Quartet with John Bingham (piano). Piano Quintet in A Minor, Op 84.†
11.00 Norway after Grieg: various orchestras play David Monrad Johansen's Pan, Op 22; and Johan Kvandal's Antagonia, Concerto for two string orchestras and percussion, Op 38.* and other works.†
11.57 News. Until 12.00. VHF only: Open University: 6.35am-6.55 *Introduction to Calculus.*

Radio 2

4.00am Chris Jones.† 6.00 George Ferguson.† 8.05 David Jacobs.† 10.00 Sounds of the 60s.† 11.00 Album. Timetincl. 11.02 Sports Desk. 1.00pm The Impressionists. 1.30 Sport on 2. 6.00 Folk on 2. (from Belfast. 7.00 Beat the Record. 7.30 A Night in Viennatincl 8.20-8.40 Interval. 9.30 Big Band Special†10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Steve Jones.† 12.05 Night Owls.† 1.00 Peter Dickson.† 3.00-4.00 Wally Whyton.†

Radio 1

News on the half hour until 12.30pm, then 2.30, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 12 midnight
6.00am Mark Page. 8.00 Peter Powell. 10.00 Dave Lee Travis. 1.00 Punk to Present.† 2.00 Paul Gambaccini. 4.00 Saturday Live.† 6.30 In Concert (Black Roots and Winston Reedy).† 7.30 Phil Kennedy (Pookah Makes 3 and The Times). 9.30-12.00am Dixie Peach. VHF RADIOS 1 & 2: 4.00am With Radio 2. 1.00pm With Radio 1. 7.30-4.00am With Radio 2.



Sir Michael Redgrave: he can be heard in The Pump (Radio 4, 2.00pm)

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty Four Hours. 7.30 From The Weeklies. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 A Jolly Good Show. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Handel in London. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 That's Trad. 10.15 Letter From America. 10.30 People and Politics 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 About Britain. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Anything Goes. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 Country Music Profile. 2.00 News Summary. 2.01 Music Now. 2.30 Saturday Special. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Saturday Special. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Saturday Special. 5.00 News Summary. 5.01 Saturday Special. 8.00 World News. 9.15 What's New. 9.30 People And Politics. 10.00 World News. 10.09 From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30 New Ideas. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Letterbox. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Baker's Half Dozen. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Play Of The Week: The Case of Katherine Mansfield. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Sackbuts And Sinfonias. 2.30 Sports Review 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 3.30 Jazz Score. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Out on the Floor. 5.45 Letter From America.

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Sunday

BBC 1

6.45 *Open University. Until 8.50*
8.55 The Flumps (r). 9.10 de Bono's Thinking Course. Part seven *Emotions and Values (r).* 9.35 Electronic Office. In part two of his series, Ian *McNaught-Davis examines* the Stand-alone Micro (r).
10.00 Asian Magazine includes the *second film report on the* Bangladeshi community of east London. 10.30 Switch On to English. Learn the language while watching popular television programmes. 10.55 France Actuelle. The second film of the series is on the mountains of the Dauphine.
11.20 Sunday Worship from St James's Church, Piccadilly. 12.05 See Hear! A magazine programme for the hard of hearing. 12.30 Farming. 12.53 Weather. 12.55 Magic Roundabout (r).
1.00 This Week Next Week, presented by David Dimbleby, begins with a news summary. The guests include Robin Cook MP and Sir John Hoskyns.
1.55 Crufts 85. The obedience and agility sections of this year's show, presented by Peter Purves.
2.25 Film: 633 Squadron (1964) starring Cliff Roberts and George Chakiris. Second World War drama about the RAF's efforts to destroy a seemingly indestructible factory on a Norwegian fjord that produces fuel for the V2 rockets. Directed by Walter E. Grauman.
4.00 Sporting Chance. Suzi Quatro enters her first clay pigeon shooting competition; Brian Hooper is white water canoeing; and Francis Wilson continues weight training (r).
4.30 Bonanza. Ben loses his memory and is implicated in a murder.
5.20 The Pickwick Papers. Episode seven and Mr Pickwick quarrels with Peter Magnus and Miss Witherfield fears that this may lead to a duel (Ceefax).
5.50 Holiday. Anne Gregg reports from Minorca; John Carter on activity holidays in South Wales; and Cliff Michelmore tries a fishing-course break in Devon and continues his canal cruise.
6.25 Appeal by Jan Francis on behalf of Cancer Relief.
6.30 News with Jan Leeming.
6.40 Songs of Praise from All Saints Church, Easton, Portland, Dorset (Ceefax).
7.15 By the Sword Divided. Episode seven and Sir Thomas Lacey is involved in a *Royalist attempt to re-capture* Arnescote Castle (Ceefax).
8.05 Last of the Summer Wine. Foggy organises the Dewhirst Campaign for a Cleaner Countryside (Ceefax).
8.35 Mastermind. The specialist subjects are; the life and works of Thomas Telford; the life and works of Gustav Mahler; art and archaeology of Minoan Crete, 2000-1450 BC; and the history of Hong Kong since 1839.
9.05 News with Jan Leeming.
9.20 That's Life. Esther Rantzen tests whether or not the spirit of romance is still alive.
10.05 Everyman: Hearts and Minds. The second of two films about South East Asia since the Vietnam War.
10.45 Politics of Pressure. The first of five programmes about the art of political lobbying. With Mary Whitehouse, Des Wilson and Michael Young.
11.10 International Darts. Highlights of the Scotland/Wales match in the Fads Homecare British International Championship.
12.00 Weather.

TV-am

6.55 Good Morning Britain begins with a Thought for Sunday from Ursula Fleming; Rub-a-Dub-Tub (r) at 7.20; News at 8.00; cartoon at 8.02; Jonathan Dimbleby's news review of the week with guests Lady Warnock and Sir Anthony Parsons at 8.30.

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9.25 LWT information. 9.30 Under Fives. The last programme of the series reviews the implications of the failure to meet a child's needs. Presented by Gordon Burns.
10.00 Morning Worship from St George's Church, Beckenham 11.00 Link. The series on lifting and handling disabled people continues with Niam McAleer explaining how to choose and use the correct hoist 11.00 Never Mind the Handicap. Winifred Tumin and Roy McConkey discuss how attitudes of the general public affect the lives of the handicapped.
12.00 Weekend World. Brian Walden examines how the soaring dollar is damaging Britain's economic prospects.
1.00 Police 5. Shaw Taylor with more clues to unsolved crimes in the London area.
1.15 The Big Match. Brian Moore with highlights from matches played yesterday in the FA Cup Fifth Round.
2.00 Encounter. A profile of Collingwood School in Birmingham and of its headmaster, Bob Dowling, who recognises the worth of involving children, parents and staff in the running of the establishment.
2.30 London news headlines followed by Film: Doctor Zhivago (1965) starring Omar Sharif and Julie Christie. The five Oscar-winning drama, based on Boris Pasternak's novel set in a troubled Russia at the turn of the century. Robert Bolt wrote the screenplay and the film was directed by David Lean.
6.00 Supergran. This week's edition of the comedy fantasy series includes a sight of the acting skills of George Best.
6.30 News.
6.40 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe vists the Royal Burgh of Dunfermline where among those he meets are Ian Wallace and Lord Elgin, a descendant of Robert the Bruce.
7.15 Game for a Laugh. Members of the public delight in performing ridiculous antics.
8.00 The Practice. Drama serial set in a modern health centre in the north of England (Oracle).
8.30 Cover Her Face. Part one of a new six-episode adaptation of P. D. James thriller, starring Roy Marsden as Scotland Yard's Adam Dalgliesh, in this story investigating the murder of a book club employee who might have been involved in a drugs racket. With Phyllis Calvert, Bill Fraser and Mel Martin (Oracle).
9.30 News.
9.45 David Lean: A Life in Film. Melvyn Bragg presents a portrait of the celebrated film director The documentary includes excerpts from Lean's best known films and shows him on his latest film, hailed as a masterpiece in the United States and chosen in this country as this year's Royal Command film, A Passage to India (Oracle).
12.15 London news headlines followed by That's Hollywood. This week's edition pays homage to the screen's all-round entertainers.
12.40 Night Thoughts.



David Lean: A Life in Film. Melvyn Bragg presents a profile of the distinguished director on ITV, at 9.45 pm

BBC 2

6.50 Open University. Until 1.55.
1.55 International Darts. From Brunton Hall, Musselburgh, the first match in the annual triangular tournament for the Fads Homecare British International Championship, between Scotland and Wales. *Introduced by Tony Gubba.*
2.35 Horizon: The Theatre of War. The advances made in military technology and their effects on the prospects of war or a lasting peace (r).
3.25 The Great Art Collection, presented by Edwin Mullins. Sir David Piper describes Vermeer's View of Delft and Rembrandt's The Jewish Bride; David Hockney describes Van Gogh's Cafe at Night.
4.00 Bridge Club. Improve your game with help from Jeremy Flint and members of Bristol Bridge Club. Presented by Jeremy James.
4.25 International Darts. Further coverage of the game between Scotland and Wales.
5.25 Ski Sunday. The Men's Downhill from Bad Kleinkirchheim, Austria. The commentator is David Vine.
6.00 News Review. A digest of the week's news. Subtitled.
6.30 The Money Programme, presented by Brian Widlake and Valerie Singleton. Among the topics investigated this week are how Europe and the United States are racing each other to make profits from outer space; and on why Britain's top companies are spending a fortune subsidising the arts.
7.15 *The Natural World: Within a* Garden Wall. A documentary about the flora and fauna that survives on a Cotswold dry-stone wall. The narrator is Peter France.
8.05 *International Pro-Celebrity* Golf. Johnny Miller and Nick Faldo are joined by actor William Roache and Welsh Rugby hero, Gareth Edwards.
8.55 Did You See . . ?, introduced by Ludovic Kennedy. All Star Secrets. The Road to Gdansk and The Mistress are discussed by Russell Harty, actress Jan Francis and set designer, Voytek.
9.40 *The World Championship of* Cricket. A 50 overs-a piece match between Australia and England to inaugurate the new floodlights at the Melbourne Ground. Richie Benaud introduces highlights of the game.
10.30 Screen Two: The Unknown Soldier, by Raymond Hitchcock. The story of a young widow who is helping out at a military hospital during the Second World War and her attachment to an unknown soldier who is paralysed and incapable of movement or speech. Starring Ann Thornton, Nicholas Clay and Steve Ubels. Directed by Mike Vardy. Ends at 11.50.

CHANNEL 4

1.00 Irish Angle. The Irish Prime Minister, Dr Garret Fitzgerald is interviewed by Emyr Daniel.
1.30 Face the Press. Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP, is questioned by Ian Aitken, political editor the The Guardian and Geoffrey Smith, political columnist of The Times. Anthony Howard of The Observer is in the chair.
2.00 A Question of Economics. Part six of the 26-programme series aimed at making the sometimes esoteric subject of economics more lucid deals with Britain's manufacturing industry and its decline.
2.25 Film: 42nd Street* (1933) starring Warner Baxter, Bebe Daniels and Ruby Keeler. The classic "backstage" musical about the problems that beset a Broadway producer when he tries to get a show on the road. Directed by Lloyd Bacon.
4.05 Silent Laughter. Clips from the great silent comedy films.
4.30 Athletics. John Walker attempts to run a sub four-minute mile for the hundredth time.
5.00 The Amateur Naturalist. Gerald Durrell and his wife, Lee, visit the French wetland wilderness of the Camargue.
5.30 News summary followed by The Business Programme. Desmond Norman, who designed the Islander light commercial 'plane, the most successful since the War, attempts to make a comback with two new 'planes after his company, Britton-Norman, folded. Plus, David Plastow, managing director of Vickers, explains how he has made employee involvement a reality in his company.
6.15 Basketball. The semi-final second leg match in the Anglo Scottish Cup between Hemel and Watford Royals and MIM Edinburgh.
7.15 The Ganges Gharial. A documentary about a fish-eating crocodile and the efforts being made to ensure its conservation (r).
8.15 Super Troupers. The tribute to the variety stars of the past continues with performance from, among others Ken Dodd, Tommy Trinder and Nicholas Parsons.
9.15 The Price. The final episode of the thriller and Geoffery Carr uses computers to track down the kidnappers of his wife and step-daughter (r).
10.20 City General. The second programme in the series about Stoke's City General Hospital.
10.50 Film: Torrid Zone* (1940) starring James Gagney, Pat O'Brian and Ann Sheridan. Drama about an American banana plantation foreman who finds his efforts to return to the United States foiled by the plant's scheming manager. Directed by William Keighley.
12.30 Closedown.

Radio 4

On long wave. † also VHF stereo.
5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; *Weather: 6.10 Prelude.*†
6.30 News; Morning has Broken. 6.55 Weather; Travel.
7.00 News. 7.10 Sunday Papers. 7.15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhive. 7.45 Bells. 7.50 Turning Over New Leaves. 7.55 Weather; Travel.
8.00 News. 8.10 Sunday Papers. 8.15 Sunday. 8.50 Week's Good Cause. 8.55 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers.
9.15 Letter From America by Alistair Cooke.
9.30 Morning Service from Grimsby (Parish Church of St James).†
10.15 The Archers. Omnibus edition.
11.15 Weekend.
12.00 Smash of the Day: "In All Directions" (Peter Ustinov, Ross Hill and Peter Jones.) (r).
12.30 The Food Programme. An investigation into soups, including the packet and cubed variety. 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World This Weekend: News *1.55 Shipping.*
2.00 News: Gardeners Question Time in Buckinghamshire.
2.30 The Afternoon Play "A Dry White Season" by Andre Brink. With Nigel Hawthorne. The story of an Afrikaner who tries to help a black friend. Also starring John Matshikiza and Estelle Kohler (r).†
4.00 Origins. The route of the Roman wine trade.
4.30 The Living World.
5.00 News; Travel.
5.05 Down Your Way from Totnes in Devon. *5.50 Shipping. 5.55* Weather.
6.00 News.
6.15 Feedback. Colin Semper airs listener's comments.
6.30 Bookshelf. With Hunter Davies.
7.00 Travel; The Great Impersonation, by E. Phillips Oppenheim. (3): Lady Dominey.†
7.30 Life With the Lindsays. Natalie Wheen meets the members of the Lindsay String Quartet (r).
8.05 Law in Action. Presented by Joshua Rozenberg.
8.30 Central American Journey. Hugh O'Shaughnessy reports on Belize.
9.00 News; Cousin Bazilio by Eca De Queiroz. (3): Abandoned.†9.58 Weather.
10.00 News.
10.15 Symphonies and Silence. Peter Maxwell Davies at Large. . . A feature about the hectic life of the composer, whose Symphony No 3 gets its world premiere next Tuesday.
11.00 The Savage Pilgrimage. The road to Roman Catholicism. (3).
11.15 Inside Parliament
12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping VHF (available in England & S Wales only) – Radio 4 vhf is as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 6.45-7.45 Open University. 1.55-2.00pm Programme News. 4.00-6.00 Study on 4.

Radio 3

6.55 *Weather.* 7.00 News.
7.05 Orchestral Music: Mozart's Symphony No 33; Ravel's Tzigane; Mozart's Horn Concerto, K 412 (played by Dennis Brain and the Philharmonic Orchestra); Ravel's Daphnis and Chloe: suite No 1.†
8.00 Bach Cantatas: Recordings including the No 23 cantata; and the Sonata in D minor for two violins and harpsichord. BWV 1036, and the Sonata in A for violin and harpsichord. BWV 1015.† 9.00 News.
9.05 Your Cponcert Choice: Monteverdi's Zefiro torna; Hummel's Septet in D minor, Op 74; Berlioz's Te Deum, Op 22.†
10.30 Music Weekly: with Michael Oliver. Includes Robert Simpson on Nielsen; and John Henry on Braille music. Also George Pratt on new books about Handel.
11.15 From the 1984 Proms: Australian Youth Orchestra (under Mackerras), with Barry Tuckwell (horn). Part 1. Tchaikovsky's overture-fantasia Romeo and Juliet: Strauss's Horn Concerto No 2.
11.50 Penge Papers: Brian Wright reads his own humorous tales (1) (r).
12.05 Proms (part two): Richard Meale's Clouds now and then; and Stravinsky's Petrushka (1947).†
1.05 Haydn Trio of Vienna: Dvorak's Trio in F minor, Op 65.
1.40 Orchestral Music: The LPO play Haydn's Symphony No 97; and Rachmaninov's fantasy The Rock.
2.25 Music for Two Pianos: Andrew Ball and Julian Jacobson play Bush's News from Whydah; Debussy's Lindaraja; and Poulenc's Sonata.
3.10 Salisbury Festival 1984: Academy of St Martin-in-the Fields (director Iona Brown, violin), with Micheal Laird (trumpet). Part one. Albinoni'sTrumpet Concerto; Handel's Concerto Grosso in D Op 6 No 5; Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 2.†Interval reading at 3.50. At 3.50, Vivaldi's the Seasons.†
4.40 Lieder from 1984 Salzburg Festival: Edita Gruberova (soprano) sings works by Mozart, Wolf, Strauss.
5.30 Science Sublime: Professor Lewis Wolpert in conversation with Professor Abdus Salam. The topic: unifying the forces of nature.
6.00 Worcester Cathedral 900th Anniversary: The Cathedral Choir, with Adrian Partington (organ) perform Burgon's "Laudate Dominum"; Sumsions's "In Exile"; Harvey's "Resurrections"; Villette's "Attende Domine" and Jean Langlais's Mass "Grant us thy peace".†
7.00 The Theban Plays: Antigone, by Sophocles, translated by Robert Fagles. With Lucy Gutteridge, Patrick Stewart and Anton Lesser.†
8.40 Elgar and Walton: Erich Gruenberg (violin) and John McCabe (piano). Elgar's Sonata in E minor; and Walton's Sonata.†
9.30 A Win for the Woman. Knut Hamsun's short story is read by Struan Rodger.
9.45 Karl Amadeus Hatmann: Gesangsszene.†
10.10 Rudolf Firkusny: piano recital. Janacek's On an Overgrown Path (Book 1); and Smetana works including Polkas (Memories of Bohemia) in A minor, Op 12, No 1; and in E minor, Op 12 No 2.†
11.00 Borodin Quartet: Shostakovich's Quartet No 8: Frank Bridge's Quartet No 3.†
11.57 News. Until 12.00. Medium wave only. Cricket: England v Australia. 5.30am-11.30am. On VHF: Open University 6.35am-6.55.

Radio 2

4.00 Chris Jones†. incl. 4.02; 5.02 Cricket. 6.00 George Ferguson†. Incl. 6.02; 7.02 Cricket. 7.30 Paul McDowell†. 9.00 Melodies for You†. incl. 9.02; 10.02 Cricket. 11.00 Desmond Carrington†. incl. 11.02 Cricket. 1.00 am Two's Best†. 2.00 Benny Green†. 3.00 Alan Dell†. 4.00 Listen To Les†. 4.30 Sing Something Simple†. 5.00 Charlie Chester incl. 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.30 Vintage Sporting Years: Chris Brasher remembers 1956. 7.00 Cynthia Glover Sings. 7.30 Glamorous Nights 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour. 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes. 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Songs from the Shows. 10.45 Geoff Eales at the piano. 11.00 Sounds of Jazz. 1.00 am Peter Dickson†. 3.00-4.00 Two's Best†.

Radio 1

News on the half hour until 11.30am, then 2.30pm, 3.30, 5.00, 7.30, 9.30 and 12 midnight. 6.00am Mark Page. 8.00 Peter Powell. 10.00 Steve Wright. 12.30pm Jimmy Savile's "Old Record" Club. 2.30 Adrian Juste. 4.30 The Great Rock 'n' Roll Trivia Quiz 5.00 Top 40.† 7.00 Anne Nightingale.† 9.00 Robbie Vincent.† 11.00-12.00am Gary Byrd's Sweet Inspirations.†

SUNDAY'S WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty Four Hours. 7.30 From Our Own Correspondent. 7.50 Letter From London. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 Sports Review. 9.45 My Country in Mind. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 Short Story. 10.15 Classical Record Review. 10.30 Sunday Service. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 12.00 News Summary. 12.01 Play Of The Week: The Case of Katherine Mansfield. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours: 1.30 Puckoon. 1.45 The Sandi Jones Request Show. 2.00 News Summary. 2.30 Wives And Daughters. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Concert Hall. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Time Remembered. 4.45 Letter From America. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Meridian. 5.40 Reflections. 8.00 World News. 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours 10.00 World News. 10.09 Medicine in the Third World. 10.25 Words. 10.30 Financial Review. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Letter From America. 11.30 Time Remembered. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Religious Service. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Bedtime Story. 1.45 The Classical Guitar. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Good Books. 2.30 Music Now. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 Putting Politics in its Place. 3.30 Anything Goes. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Puckoon. 5.45 Recording of the Week.

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Kasparov anger as match is abandoned

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Yesterday's uproar was very unusual in the Soviet Union, where all public events are carefully stage-managed. To the obvious discomfort of Mr Campomanes. Kasparov appeared unexpectedly in the audience, a living contradiction of the Fide president's claim that both players were exhausted.

The challenger looked fit and smiled broadly, but shook his head in disbelief when Mr Campomanes gave his decision and claimed both players had been consulted.

Mr Campomanes said he was making his "Judgement of Solomom" on the spot, although Tass announced it the moment the press conference began. He denied he was showing favourtism, but said he had talked to Karpov 25 minutes earlier.

The Fide president was being pressed to comfirm that Karpov was ill when he appeared dramatically to applause from Soviet officials. He looked pale and tense. "I think we can, and ought to, continue the match," he said.

Kasparov then launched an impromptu attack on Mr Campomanes for staging "an unnecessary spectacle". He accused the organizers of stopping the match when he might have had a chance – "25 or 30 per cent" – to win. "You have just told us you were talking to Karpov 25 minutes ago and he agreed to continue," Kasparov said.

With officials paralysd by dismay, Karpov stepped in to suggest a recess, and Mr Campomanes agreed. He returned after an hour and a half with Karpov – but not Kasparov – to announce his decision stood. Whereas Karpov agreed, Kasparov would only "abide by it".

Chess sources said Kasparov had objected not only to the abandonment, but also to the Fide president's ruling that Karpov, who retains the title, has the right to challenge Kasparov to a rematch should he lose the crown in September.

The challenger later said he was "perfectly healthy and ready to play", and condemned the press conference as a well-rehearsed show.

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Captain Rambahadur beside the charcoal sketch drawn by John Norton (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

Gurkha VC hero going home after 28 years' service

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The only holder of the Victoria Cross still serving in the British Army retires next month. He is Captain Rambahadur Limbu, aged 45, of the 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles.

After 28 years' service he will ceremonially take leave of the regiment at Church Crookham, Aldershot, on March 25, before flying back to Napal, where he will join his family to take up the traditional life of a farmer in a remote part of the Himalayan kingdom.

He won his VC in 1965, while a lance-corporal serving in Sarawak, for actions which, according to the citation, "reached a zenith of determined and premediated valour which must count amongst the most notable on record."

He rescued two colleagues who had been wounded while attacking a machine-gun post. For all but a few seconds in a period of 20 minutes "this young NCO had been moving alone in full view of the enemy and under continuous aimed fire of their automatic weapons. That he was able to achieve what he did against such overwhelming odds without being hit was miraculous."

As is customary with Queen's Gurkha officers, Captain Rambahadur worked his way up through the ranks to become a warrant officer before being commissioned in 1977.

A portrait of Captain Rambahadur is being painted by Mr John Norton at his Chelsea studio. It will become the third painting of him to hang in the officer's mess

Two of his four sons have joined the Gurkhas. The eldest, Bhakte is in his father's battalion, and his second son, Chandraprakash, has been accepted for recruit training.

Gurkhas are allowed six months' home leave every three years, and Captain Rambahadur's return home next month will be his first since September 1982.

Spain appeals to EEC for easier terms

Madrid (Reuter) – Spain's Prime Minister, Señor Felipe Gonzalez called on the European Community to soften its terms for Spanish entry. He gave warning that his counry was reaching breaking point in the negotiations.

He was speaking to reporters after talks with Italy's Prime Minister, Signor Bettino Craxi, aimed at persuading him to use the current Italian Community presidency to break the dealock.

There could be no agreement on thorny issues such as fruit, fish and the movement of labour if the 10 Community countries did not adopt a more flexible position Señor Gonzalez said.

Car blast ordeal recounted by Pringle

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Sir Steuart said he had been informed that his staff driver had told the police he believed their car had been followed on a couple of occasions.

"This would have been something I would have hoped he would have told me. I normally read in the car so I would not have been aware of anything."

On October 14, Sir Steuart said, his batman had pointed out a man in a parked car who had been watching them quite openly. "The man had an Arab appearance."

Sir Steuart, who lost part of his right leg in the blast, served operationally in Northern Ireland as commanding officer of 45 Commando from October 1971 to February 1972.

Two men from Belfast, Thomas Quigley and Paul Kavanagh, both aged 29, are accused of belonging to the Provisional IRA unit which planted that bomb and others in a month-long campaign in London which killed three people, including an explosives expert, Mr Kenneth Howorth, at a Wimpy Bar in Oxford Street.

The jury was told that Mr Howorth may have moved the booby-trapped bomb a fraction of an inch only before it exploded.

Quigley and Kavanagh, deny murdering Mrs Norah Field, aged 59 and John Breslin, aged 18, who died after a nail-bomb blast outside Chelsea barracks and the murder Mr Howorth. They also deny attempting to murder Sir Steuart.

The two also deny acting with intent to cause an explosion at Debenham's in Oxford Street and causing an explosion at the Wimbledon home of the Attorney-General, Sir Michael Havers.

Quigley and Kavanagh further deny having explosives with intent to endanger life or cause serious damage to property between August 7, 1981 and October 27, 1983, and having firearms and ammunition with intent to endanger life between the same dates.

Kavanagh denies having explosives between October 1, 1983, and January 25, 1984, with intent to endanger life or cause serious damage to property, and having firearms and ammunition with intent to endanger life between the same dates.

The hearing was adjourned until Monday.

Letter from Jerusalem

Tale of two cities, ancient and modern

There is a long-standing rivalry between Jerusalem and Israel's other main metropolis, the bustling coastal city of Tel Aviv, whose residents do little to disguise their conviction that all Jerusalemites are hopelessly provincial.

Since the 1967 conquest of the Arab sector of East Jerusalem, a gradual change has been underway, largely unnoticed among the wider dramas of the Middle East, but of considerable significance if any long-term solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict is to be found.

This has now received official recognition with the publication of Israel's latest population and housing census, which shows that Jerusalem, with 428,000 inhabitants, has finally superseded Tel Aviv as the country's most popular city.

The dry statistical language of the census, the first since 1972, gives support to the claim long made by aggrieved Palestinians that the bulk of the rapid expansion of the capital has taken place on land conquered from Jordan in the Six Day War.

"Jerusalem's Jewish population grew during the period since the 1972 census by 33 per cent, to 306,000" it reported. "This increment is cenred primarily in the new neighbourhoods built after 1967, where 25 per cent of Jerusalem's Jewish populace now lives."

The extraordinary pace of the development is one of the first sights to meet the new arrival to the city on most of its main approach routes. Where only a few years ago there were barren hillsides, there are now row upon row of new houses, plus a forest of cranes to bear witness that the *building boom is apparently* not yet over.

The mushrooming growth in the Jewish neighbourhoods built on Arab land is one reason why so many analysts are sceptical that a workable solution can be reached for solving the broader conflict. What Israeli government, they argue, will ever agree to give up the new suburbs and how can the staunchly Muslim King Husain of Jordan ever agree to a new treaty which will not return the Islamic holy sites of East Jerusalem to Arab hands?

But while Jerusalem may finally have overtaken Tel Aviv (which recently celebrated its 75th birthday among much municipal trumpeting) in sheer size of population, there is no doubt that many of the prejudices of dyed-in-the-wool Tel Avivians remain well founded.

Because of the ever-increasing influence of the ultra-Orthodox Jewish minority, Jerusalem must rate among the world's most tame capitals, with a non-existent night-life, which forces young residents in their thousands on the 50-minute drive "down the hill" to Tel Aviv.

Owners of the handful of Jewish restaurants which dare remain open on Friday night after the loud wailing of the traditional ram's horn has ushered in the sabbath, complain bitterly of attempts by black-coated members of the religious community to force them to shut down.

Similarly, residents of areas close to districts favoured by the religious tell of increasing pressure on them to adopt strict Orthodox behaviour, such as refraining from driving on the sabbath and even wearing "modest" clothing, which for the women would mean abandoning the daring creations which are *de rigueur* on Tel Aviv's fashionable Dizengoff Street.

Jerusalemites hit back at those extolling the virtues on life on the coast by pointing to the capital's idyllic summer climate.

They point also to the charm of the pinkish stone of the buildings, the absence of traffic jams, crime, vice, pollution and other evils normally endemic in national capitals.

But it will take more than one census to convice most Tel Avivians that life is anything other than unbearably strait-laced, dull and cold in Jerusalem. As one asked me on the telephone on a sweltering day last summer: "How is life up there in the mountains?"

Christopher Walker

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Today's events

Music

Monteverdi's Vespers by the Burgate Singers, Norwich Cathedral, 7.30.

Madrigals, folk songs, part songs and pop by Camerata, Tullycarnet Pavilion, **Castlereach**, Northern Ireland, 8.

Concert by the Huntingdonshire Philharmonic, The Free Church Centre, St Ives, Huntingdonshire, 8.

Concert by St Botolph Music Society, St Botolph's Church, **Colchester**, 8.

Concert by Southend Symphony Orchestral Society, Belfairs High School, **Southend**, 7.30.

Guitar recital by Ian Dench and Karen Tucker, Niccol Centre, Brewery Court, **Cirencester**, 7.30.

Recital by the Joubert Trio, Pump Room, Pittville, **Cheltenham**, 8.

Concert by the City Chamber Choir, **Lacock Abbey**, **Wiltshire**, 7.30.

Recital by Michael Nebe (cello) and Wilfred Murray (piano), St John's College Chapel, **York**, 8.

Concert by the Clerkes of Oxenford, Christ Church, **Oxford**, 8.

General

Birmingham Boat and Caravan Show, National Exhibition Centre, **Birmingham**, Mon to Fri 11 to 7, Sat and Sun 11 to 9, (ends Feb 24).

New exhibitions

Blackburn College of Technology and Design – works by students; Museum and Art Gallery, Museum Street, **Blackburn**; Mon to Sat 9.30 to 5, closed Sun (ends March 16).

The new Kit Williams – illustrations for the new challenge; Usher Gallery, Lindum Road, **Lincoln**; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2.30 to 5 (ends March 17).

Tomorrow

Royal engagements

Princess Anne, patron of the Home Farm Trust, attends a charity evening at the London Palladium, 7.25.

Music

Concert by the English Concert, The Fermoy Centre, **King's Lynn**, 3.

Organ recital by Brian Sharp, Corn Exchange, **Ipswich**, 2.45.

Concert by the Scottish Sinfonia, Queen's Hall, **Edinburgh**, 7.45.

Concert by the Cheltenham Sunday Players, St George's Parish Church, **Nailsworth**, Gloucestershire, 6.30.

Music

Concert by the London Symphony Orchestra, Barbican Hall, Barbican Centre, 7.30.

Concert by the Bach Vespers, St Anne and St Agnes, Gresham Street, EC2, 7.

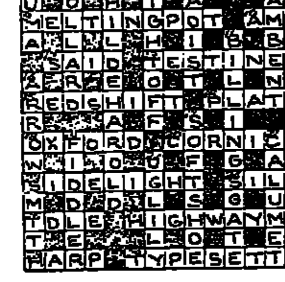
Piano recital by Nikolai Petrov, Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1, 3.30.

Concert by the Divertimenti Orchestra, Shaw Theatre, 100 Euston Road, NW1, 7.30.

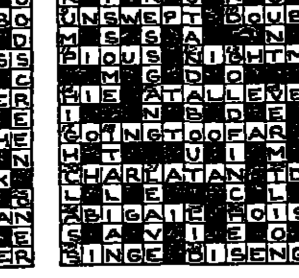
General

Old Books Fair, Bonnington Hotel, Southampton Row, WC1, 11 to 6.

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Solution of Puzzle No 16,662



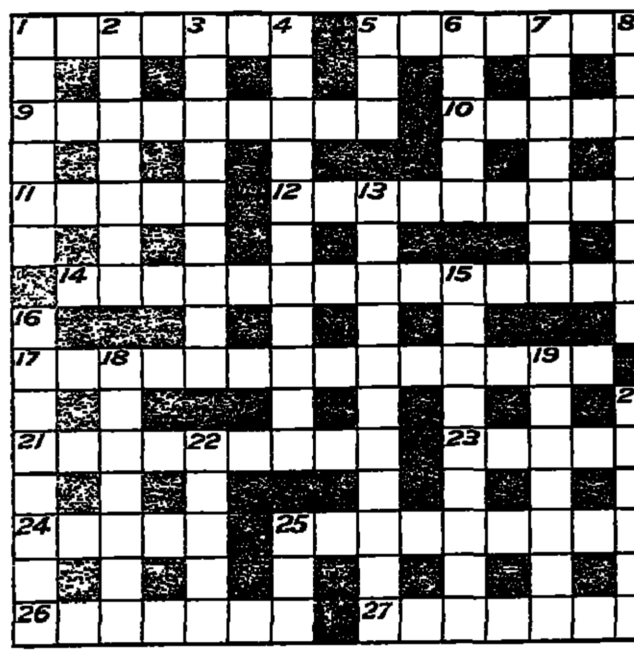
The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,663

A prize of The Times Atlas of the World *(comprehensive edition) will be given for the first three correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC99 9YT. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.*

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: Mrs B. E. Ward, Windrush, W. Malvern Road, Malvern; Mr V. Vale, 22 Long Street, Cerne Abbas, Dorset; Rev B. Butler, 95 The Grove, Bournemouth.

Name ....

Address ....



ACROSS

1 Likeable fellow not received by curate (4,3).
5 To staff, Tom's a beastly stinker (7).
9 Accommodation suitable to house painters? (9).
10 Saki's peak (5).
11 Century not recorded for hero in India (5).
12 Aren't suits 'e cut out needed for them? (9).
14 Where profits on drink go as well (4,3,7).
17 Practice not indulged in by 12? (5,9).
21 Crawler having support of less than 8 members, in fact (9).
23 Languish in old part – of Asia Minor (5).
24 A country retreat built by high-fliers (5).
25 Scheme to provide a chap with work abroad (9).
26 Poet introduces me to somebody penniless (7).
27 Performed in opera without a bloody drink (7).

DOWN

1 Look for a second sort of mineral (6).
2 Address used by Horatio Nelson (7).
3 Privately imported from France (5,4).
4 Final course, perhaps, of our satellite? (5,6).
5 This part of the house is mine (3).
6 Debussy music not so fit for march (5).
7 As an act, frightfully game (7).
8 Many an archaic pronoun novelist used (8).
13 Sport involving net, bat and lines (5,6).
15 Clergyman rusticated by disciplinary fellow? (5,4).
16 *Water that disposes of Scottish* furniture (5,3).
18 Elaborate wax (7).
19 Surrender in 'ampshire (7).
20 Means of producing pictures occurred to artist (6).
22 Listed articles reviewed in Times (5).
25 Supply crew in Irish Sea (3).

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 34

Roads

Midlands: A11: Roadworks on Attleborough bypass, with temporary traffic lights. **A45:** Contraflow nr junction 16 of M1, between Upton and Kislingbury, Northants. **A6:** Single alternate line traffic between Market Harborough and Desborough, Northants.

North: A63: Roadworks at Crest Motel, Hessle, Burnley Road, Halifax. **A1:** Fast lane closures at Ferrybridge interchange, delays.

Scotland: M8: Outside lane closures on both carriageways from junction 26 (Renfrew) progressing eastwards. **A96:** Width restrictions on Great Northern Road at Don Street, Aberdeen. Care required. **A9:** Construction traffic N or Aberuthven, Perthshire, care required.

Anniversaries

Births: **Heinrich Barth**, explorer, Hamburg, 1821; **Sir Francis Galton**, anthropologist, Sparkbrook, Birmingham, 1822. **Deaths: Lionel Lukin**, inventor of lifeboats, Hythe, Kent, 1834; **Giosue Caducci**, poet, Nobel laureate 1906, Bologna, 1907. TOMORROW: **Arcangelo Corelli**, composer was born at Fusignano, Italy, 1653. Deaths: **James Macpherson**, poet, Inverness, 1796; **Johann Pestalozzi**, educational reformer, Brugg, Switzerland, 1827; **Heinrich Heine**, poet, Paris, 1856; **Geronimo**, Apache chief, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, 1908; **Sir Wilfrid Laurier**, prime minister of Canada 1896-1911, Ottawa, 1919; **Albert I, King of the Belgians** 1909-34, Mache-les-Dames, Belgium, 1934; **Hans Hofmann**, painter, New York, 1966.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.53	1.46
Austria Sch	26.15	24.95
Belgium Fr	75.10	71.60
Canada $	1.53	1.46
Denmark Kr	13.39	12.74
Finland Mkk	7.80	7.40
France Fr	11.41	10.86
Germany DM	3.73	3.55
Greece Dr	158.00	147.00
Hong Kong $	8.85	8.35
Ireland Pt	1.207	1.147
Italy Lira	2300.00	2190.00
Japan Yen	297.00	281.00
Netherlands Gld	4.22	4.02
Norway Kr	10.74	10.24
Portugal Esc	204.00	192.00
South Africa Rd	2.26	2.06
Spain Pta	205.00	195.00
Sweden Kr	10.58	10.08
Switzerland Fr	3.16	3.02
USA $	1.148	1.098
Yugoslavia Dnr	298.00	282.00

Retail Price Index: 358.5.

London: The *FT* Index closed down 4.8 at 979.9

Snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Avoriaz	135	190	good	powder	good	snow	0
Heavy snowfall for 24 hours							
Davos	50	190	good	powder	fair	snow	−7
Powder skiing on all slopes							
Flaine	80	275	good	heavy	good	snow	1
Wet heavy snow, limited runs							
Kitzbühel	10	80	fair	powder	icy	fine	−2
New snow on hard base							
La Plagne	60	160	good	fair	fair	fine	−4
New snow on hard base							
Les Arcs	85	250	good	heavy	fair	snow	0
Limited runs, wet snow							
Megève	45	90	heavy	heavy	slushy	snow	1
Slush on runs to resort							
Murren	75	150	good	powder	good	cloud	2
All runs good after fresh snow							
Sauze d'Oulx	30	75	good	varied	fair	cloud	−1
New snow on fair base							
Verbier	50	200	good	powder	good	snow	3
Good skiing conditions							
Villars	40	80	good	heavy	fair	snow	0
New snow on hard base							
Wengen	50	110	good	powder	good	snow	−3
Good skiing after heavy snowfall							

In the above reports, supplied by the Ski Club of Great Britain representatives, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes.

In the garden

The cold snap, the very heavy snowfalls and searing east winds have caused a lot of damage. If hedges have been splayed out by snow try to tie them back into shape as soon as possible. We do not worry so much about a cold February: a mild one followed by a bitter spell in early March does far more damage.

In a heated greenhouse one may sow peas such as 'Feltham First' or 'Hurst Beagle' in boxes for planting out in March, also a quick maturing cabbage such as 'Hispi' or 'Minicole' to plant out at the end of March or early April.

Have any necessary servicing or sharpening done to mowers, hedge trimmers, shears, and other tools before the spring rush.

Check everything in store – dahlia and begonia tubers, gladiolus corms, fruits or vegetables – remove any that are rotting or showing signs of disease. RH

Portfolio

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 28).

Share No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+2	+1	−4	+3	+2		
2	+4	+1	−2	+2	+2		
3	+3	−1	−2	+1	+2		
4	+5	+2	−4	+2	+2		
5	+6	+2	−3	+3	+2		
6	+4	+1	−2	+2	+3		
7	+8	+1	−4	+2	+2		
8	+8	+1	−5	+3	+2		
9	+6	+5	−5	+1	+3		
10	+8	+2	−3	+2	+3		
11	+2	+4	−2	+1	+3		
12	+5	+1	−2	+2	+4		
13	+3	+1	−1	+2	+2		
14	+5	−1	+2	−1	+4		
15	+2	−1	−1	+3	+2		
16	+10	+2	−2	+3	+2		
17	+4	+2	−3	+2	+3		
18	+6	−2	−3	+3	+2		
19	+8	+1	−4	+1	+4		
20	+8	+1	−5	−1	+2		
21	+3	+2	−4	+1	+4		
22	+1	+1	−5	+4	+3		
23	+2	+3	−5	+1	+2		
24	+1	+2	−3	+2	+2		
25	+3	+3	−4	+2	+2		
26	+2	+1	−4	+3	+2		
27	+1	+1	−3	+2	+2		
28	+3	+3	−5	+3	+2		
29	−1	+1	−3	+1	+3		
30	+1	+2	−4	+2	+2		
31	+1	+1	−1	+2	+4		
32	+3	+4	−3	+1	+2		
33	+2	+1	−1	+3	+2		
34	+4	+3	−2	+1	+2		
35	+3	+3	−3	+2	+5		
36	+2	+2	−2	−1	+2		
37	+5	+3	−3	+2	+2		
38	+2	+3	−3	+3	+2		
39	+1	+4	−2	+2	+2		
40	+2	+2	−2	+2	+5		

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Weather forecast

An anticyclone over Scotland will move little during the next 24 hours with a very cold SE airstream covering most of the British Isles.

6am to midnight

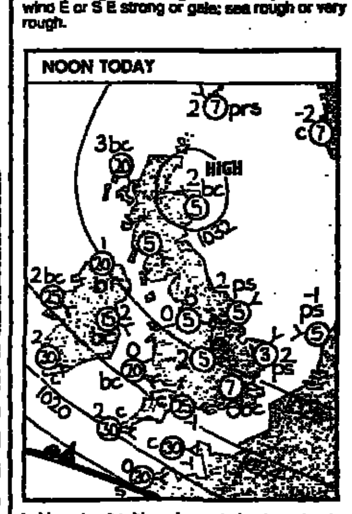
London, SE, central S England, Midlands, Wales, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland: Dry with sunny periods; wind SE, moderate, locally fresh, max temp o to 1C (30 to 34F).

East Anglia, E, NE, NW, central N England, Lake District, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee: Dry with sunny periods, wind SE light. Max temp – 1 to 1C (30 to 34F). Channel Islands, SW England. Mainly dry with some sunny intervals, wind SE strong; max temp 0 to 2C (32 to 36F). Aberdeen, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals, isolated wintry showers, wind light, max temp 1 to 3C (34 to 37F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Most districts dry with sunny periods, but wintry showers in the NE: outbreaks of snow may extend across some S districts; cold or very cold.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea wind E, fresh or strong; sea rough. Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): wind E, strong or gale; sea rough or very rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: wind E or S E strong or gale; sea rough or very rough.

NOON TODAY



b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures fahrenheit.

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded (Symbols are on advancing edge)



Lighting-up time

TODAY
London 5.47 pm to 6.41 am
Bristol 5.57 pm to 6.50 am
Edinburgh 5.49 pm to 7.04 am
Manchester 5.51 pm to 6.54 am
Penzance 6.12 pm to 7.00 am

TOMORROW
London 5.48 pm to 6.39 am
Bristol 5.58 pm to 6.48 am
Edinburgh 5.51 pm to 7.01 am
Manchester 5.53 pm to 6.52 am
Penzance 6.14 pm to 6.58 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	1	34	Guernsey	c	0	32
Birmingham	s	-2	28	Inverness	c	-1	30
Blackpool	s	1	34	Jersey	c	-1	30
Bristol	s	-2	28	London	s	1	32
Cardiff	f	-2	28	Manchester	s	1	34
Edinburgh	s	1	34	Newcastle	s	2	36
Glasgow	s	2	36	Ronaldsway	s	1	34

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 1C (34F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -3C (27F). Humidity: 6 pm, 70 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 4.9. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1029.3 millibars rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Scilly Isles, 7C (45F); lowest day max: Brighton, -2 C (28F); highest rainfall: Scilly Isles, 0.73in; highest sunshine: Aspatria (Cumbria), 8.9 hr.

High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.15	6.1	11.48	6.1
Aberdeen	11.02	3.5	11.44	3.6
Avonmouth	4.23	10.5	5.01	10.6
Belfast	8.40	3.0	9.08	3.0
Cardiff	4.08	9.8	4.46	9.94
Devonport	3.05	4.6	3.46	4.5
Dover	8.32	5.5	9.14	5.5
Falmouth	2.35	4.4	3.16	4.3
Glasgow	10.44	4.1	10.58	4.0
Harwich	9.08	3.3	9.38	3.3
Holyhead	8.02	4.7	8.42	4.7
Hull	3.39	6.2	4.07	6.3
Ilfracombe	6.15	8.2	6.37	8.5
Leith	–	–	12.19	4.8
Liverpool	8.44	7.9	9.22	7.9
Lowestoft	6.55	2.2	7.17	2.1
Margate	9.28	4.0	9.59	4.0
Milford Haven	3.39	5.6	4.17	5.8
Newquay	2.35	5.7	3.11	5.8
Oban	3.59	3.2	4.42	3.2
Penzance	2.12	4.6	2.50	4.5
Portland	3.54	1.8	4.48	1.4
Portsmouth	8.52	3.9	9.43	4.0
Shoreham	8.37	5.1	9.21	5.2
Southampton	8.30	3.9	9.15	4.0
Swansea	3.45	7.7	4.21	7.7
Tees	1.07	4.5	1.33	4.5
Walton-on-Naze	9.08	3.5	9.39	3.5

TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	–	–	12.24	6.4
Aberdeen	11.54	3.7	–	–
Avonmouth	5.30	11.2	5.51	11.3
Belfast	9.32	3.1	9.56	3.1
Cardiff	5.15	10.5	5.46	10.8
Devonport	4.13	4.8	4.47	4.7
Dover	9.41	5.7	10.08	5.8
Falmouth	3.43	4.6	4.17	4.5
Glasgow	11.47	4.3	–	–
Harwich	10.11	3.5	10.35	3.5
Holyhead	8.58	5.0	9.29	4.9
Hull	4.49	6.4	5.04	6.6
Ilfracombe	4.24	7.9	4.54	8.0
Leith	12.53	4.9	1.17	5.0
Liverpool	9.45	8.3	10.16	8.3
Lowestoft	8.04	2.2	8.11	2.2
Margate	10.44	4.2	10.59	4.2
Milford Haven	4.44	6.0	5.12	6.0
Newquay	3.37	6.1	4.04	6.1
Oban	4.48	3.5	5.22	3.3
Penzance	3.15	4.8	3.47	4.7
Portland	5.08	1.7	5.51	1.8
Portsmouth	9.50	4.1	10.32	4.2
Shoreham	9.39	5.4	10.15	5.6
Southampton	9.28	4.0	10.07	4.2
Swansea	4.48	8.2	5.19	8.2
Tees	2.11	4.7	2.23	4.8
Walton-on-Naze	10.13	3.6	10.34	3.6

Sun rises: 07.15 am Sun sets: 05.17 pm
Moon rises: 06.05 am Moon sets: 01.11 pm
New Moon: February 19.

TOMORROW
Sun rises: 07.15 am Sun sets: 05.19 pm
Moon rises: 06.46 am Moon sets: 02.22 pm

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	5.1	–	3	37	Sunny am
Bridlington	6.4	–	3	37	Sunny
Cromer	7.5	–	2	36	Sunny
Lowestoft	3.5	–	0	32	Sunny
Clacton	6.9	–	-1	30	Sunny
Margate	–	–	-1	30	Sunny
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	6.7	–	-2	28	Sunny
Hastings	5.3	–	-1	30	Sunny
Eastbourne	2.6	–	0	32	Bright
Brighton	–	–	-2	28	Bright
Worthing	–	–	0	32	Bright
Littlehmptn	–				
Bognor R	5.5	–	0	32	Sunny am
Southsea	3.4	–	0	32	Cloudy
Sandown	0.4	–	0	32	Cloudy
Shanklin	–	–	0	32	Cloudy
Bournemth	0.9	–	0	32	Cloudy
Poole	1.1	–	0	32	Cloudy
Swanage	0.1	–	1	34	Cloudy
Weymouth	–	–	1	34	Cloudy
Exmouth	0.1	–	1	34	Gale
Teignmouth	–	–	2	36	Gale
Torquay	–	–	2	36	Gale

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
WEST COAST					
Ilfracombe	0.7	–	0	32	Dull
Tenby	6.3	–	1	34	Sunny
Colwyn Bay	7.1	–	1	34	Sunny
Southport	7.5	–	2	36	Sunny
Morecambe	7.8	–	3	37	Sunny
Douglas	7.9	–	1	34	Sunny
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Ctrl)	4.9	–	1	34	Sunny
B'ham (Airpt)	7.2	–	-2	28	Sunny
Bristol (Ctrl)	1.7	–	0	32	Bright
Cardiff (Ctrl)	0.3	–	-1	30	Bright
Anglesey	7.8	–	2	36	Sunny
B'pool (Airpt)	8.4	–	3	37	Sunny
Manchester	7.9	–	3	37	Sunny
Nottingham	7.8	–	1	34	Sunny
N'cstl-u-Tyne	8.5	–	4	39	Sunny
Carlisle	8.7	–	3	37	Sunny
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	8.8	–	2	36	Sunny
Prestwick	8.7	–	4	39	Sunny
Glasgow	8.2	–	4	39	Sunny
Tiree	8.6	–	4	39	Sunny
Stornoway	2.0	–	5	41	Bright
Lerwick	3.1	.11	4	39	Showers

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; h, hail; sl, sleet.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	16	61	Cologne	s	−6	21	Majorca	s	18	64	Rome	c	15	59
Akrotiri	c	9	48	Copenhgn	sn	−8	18	Malaga	f	20	68	Salzburg	sn	6	21
Alexandria	h	15	59	Corfu	f	10	50	Malta	s	18	64	Sao Paulo*	f	30	86
Algiers	s	22	72	Dublin	s	2	36	Melbourne	s	32	90	S Francisco*	f	12	55
Amsterdam	s	−5	23	Dubrovnik	c	5	41	Mexico C*	c	18	54	Santiago*	s	28	82
Athens	s	9	48	Faro	f	16	61	Miami*	s	18	64	Seoul	s	6	43
Bahrain	s	23	73	Florence	r	9	48	Milan	c	1	34	Singapore	f	31	88
Barbados	s	22	72	Frankfurt	s	−8	18	Montreal*	sn	2	36	Stockholm	f	−15	5
Barcelona				Funchal	s	18	64	Moscow	s	−13	9	Strasbourg	s	−6	21
Beirut				Geneva	sn	−1	30	Munich	c	−9	16	Sydney	s	25	77
Belgrade				Gibraltar	s	16	61	Nairobi	s	27	81	Tangier	s	19	66
Berlin	s	−8	18	Helsinki	s	−16	3	Naples	c	13	55	Tel Aviv	r	10	50
Bermuda*	c	27	70	Hong Kong	f	21	70	New Delhi	s	20	68	Tenerife	s	20	68
Biarritz	f	16	61	Innsbruck	sn	−4	25	New York*	s	2	36	Tokyo	s	9	48
Boulogne	s	−5	23	Istanbul	s	0	32	Nice	s	17	63	Toronto*	sn	−6	21
Bordeaux	c	14	57	Jiddah				Oslo	f	−9	16	Tunis	s	21	70
Brussels	s	−7	19	Jo'burg				Paris	f	−1	30	Valencia	c	19	66
Budapest	sn	−7	19	Karachi	s	26	79	Peking				Vancouver*	f	6	43
Buen Aires*	f	28	82	Las Palmas	f	19	66	Perth	s	26	79	Venice	sn	0	32
Cairo	c	11	52	Lisbon	c	15	59	Prague	f	−8	18	Vienna		−6	21
Cape Tn	s	24	75	Locarno	f	3	37	Reykjavik	sl	−5	41	Warsaw	sn	−7	19
C'blanca	s	27	81	L Angeles*	s	23	73	Rhodes	s	6	43	Washington*	f	4	39
Chicago*	sn	−8	18	Luxembg	s	−8	18	Riyadh	s	26	79	Wellington*	f	21	70
Ch'church*	f	23	73	Madrid	c	13	55	Rio de Jan	s	28	82	Zurich	sn	−5	23

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